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Harlem Globetrotters At Casa Di Lisa



MEMBERS OF THE FAMOUS HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS basketball team stopped by Casa Di Lisa Ristorante in Feeding Hills for a meal on February 20th. Globetrotters in photo are Matt Jackson, Osborne Lockhart, Sterling Forbes, Frank Shaw, Troy Koncar, and Rex W. Post. RELATED PHOTO INSIDE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Symposium To Focus On Academic Issues

by Irls Copson
School Dept. Editor

The Fourth Annual Superintendent's Symposium will be held in the Agawam High School cafeteria again this May. The success of the past three years has initiated an encore performance of cross-status communication between school staff and faculty, students, community residents, local business leaders, and public officials.

Agawam Attorney Richard Morassi, in conjunction with Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno, Jr., are coordinating the program that has been labeled as "Intellectually stimulating" in the past.

Once again, five AHS English Department faculty members have generously agreed to facilitate the evening's discussions after a planned presentation. The teachers include Margo Poulin, Rosemary Stratton, Judi Lech, Joanne Brown, and Larry O'Brien.

Focus On Academic Process

Morassi told us, "We will have a specific focus on the academic process - understanding that is the main focus of the high school. Our main ingredient to success (over the past three years) was the free dialogue between students and adults."

SEE SYMPOSIUM - Education Section..

School Comm. Delays Review Of New Budget

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The School Committee Tuesday night delayed further deliberation on its fiscal 1992-93 by a 4-3 vote due to the absence of Associate Superintendent of Schools/Business Manager Donald Charest.

School Committee member Susan Pettazzoni urged delaying deliberation on the Special Education portion of the budget until Charest returns from vacation. She said that because Charest presented the School Committee with the new budget at the February 11th meeting, his expertise as business manager was needed before the committee could proceed any further.

Mrs. Pettazzoni was immediately challenged by Vice-Chairwoman Teresa Kozloski. She said that time constraints mandated immediate action on the budget and that the committee was already behind its budget timetable.

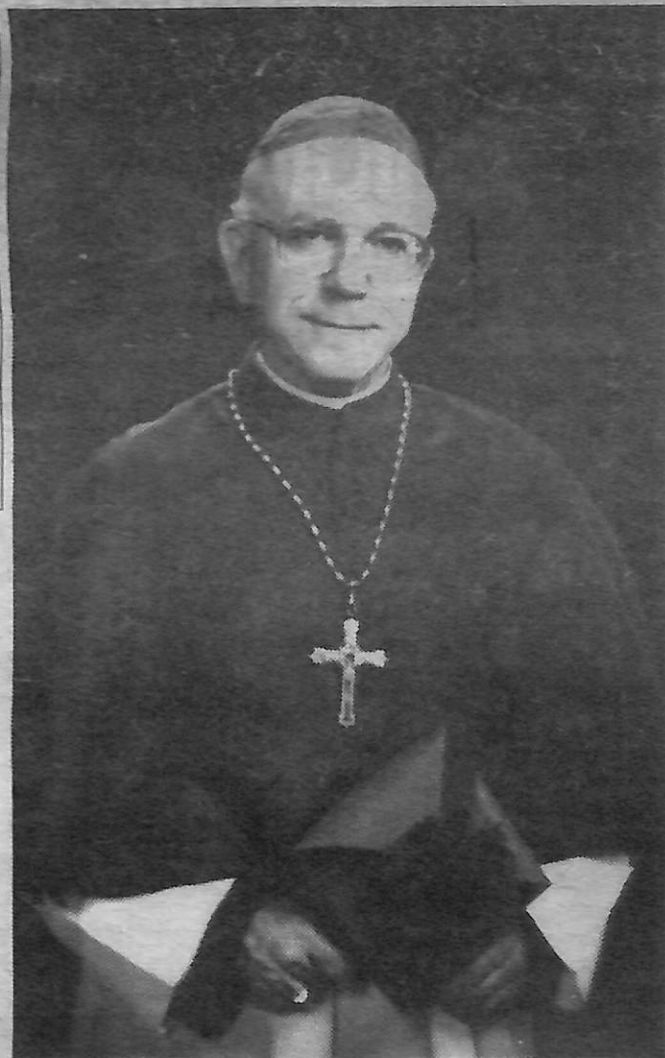
Mrs. Kozloski also said that Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno was responsible for assuming Charest's role in the budget process (in Charest's absence).

SEE BUDGET - Education Section...

Spfld. Aux. Bishop To Celebrate Mass At St. John's Church

The Most Reverend Thomas L. Dupre, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield, will celebrate the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Ash Wednesday, March 4th, at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main Street, Agawam.

Bishop Dupre will bless and impose ashes during the Mass. Father Richard Meehan, Pastor of St. John's, extends an invitation to all to participate in this Ash Wednesday service.



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Melconian Files Bill For Further Protection On Long-Term Care

In a recently released statement on the issue of health insurance, State Senator Linda J. Melconian stated, "National health insurance, health insurance premiums, and the cost of medical care have been major news stories over the last several years. A new issue emerging involves the lack of regulatory control over long-term health insurance.

"Long-term care health insurance is designed to specifically pay for long-term medical care services such as nursing home care, home health care, and in some instances, custodial care.

"Unfortunately, these services are very expensive and generally are not covered by Medicare and, until recently, not covered by private insurers.

"Currently, there are 14 long-term health policies being sold in Massachusetts," she added. "The Commonwealth regulates the sale of individual policies. However, group policies are not regulated.

"A recent government study by the G.A.O. strongly criticized numerous abuses occurring in the marketing and sale of this product. These abuses include unfair or misleading marketing policies; the selling of duplicative health policies; exorbitant agent commissions; policies which have no indexing for inflation; and confusing and incomplete policy language and coverage.

"As a result of the G.A.O. Report and the growing popularity of long-term health insurance, I have co-sponsored a comprehensive bill which will govern the sale and content of long-term care insurance policies, thereby providing regulatory protection for consumers.

"As Senate Chair of the Insurance Committee, I pledge to move this legislation through the Committee. My job is to make sure your purchase of long-term health insurance is a good investment for you and your family members.

"I will be explaining the bill in more detail, along with its progress through the Legislature, in the coming months," concluded Melconian.

Town Council Agenda For March 2

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 2/18/92
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances

(a) Resolutions

1. TR-92-7 - A Resolution creating a Council Rule establishing procedures for elections by the Town Council (Coun. Taylor) (Referred to Rules and Regulations Committee on 2/3/92) (Tabled on 2/18/92).

PROVISION TO CREATE COUNCIL RULE NO. 43 TO GOVERN THE ELECTION BY THE COUNCIL OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS, A.E.D.I.C., WHITING STREET FUND.

2. TR-92-8 - A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Richard Bellico, 51 Parkedge Drive, FH, MA to the Historical Commission to a Term Expiring March 1, 1995 (Mayor).

3. TR-92-9 - A Resolution Supporting the Purchase of Snow Removal Equipment by the Town of Agawam (Coun. Balboni, Bitzas, Fuller, Russo, Suffriti & Willis).

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE MAYOR USE LEFTOVER FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR SNOW REMOVAL IN FY '92 FOR THE PURCHASE OF SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT.

4. TR-92-10 - A Resolution authorizing the Formation of a Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal Committee to examine recycling options and Solid Waste Disposal and recommend new methods of responsible management (Coun. Ennis).

RESOLUTION TO CREATE COMMITTEE OF THREE COUNCILORS TO EXAMINE CURRENT PRACTICES, INVESTIGATE ALTERNATIVE RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT METHODS AND RECOMMEND VIABLE ALTERNATIVES.

7. Elections

None

8. Public Hearings

None

9. Old Business

(a) Orders

1. TOR-92-1 - Ordinance Amendment-Chapter 49, Art. II, Sec. 49-7, Sub-Sections 8 and 9(a) of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Insp. of Weights &

Meas.) (Mayor) (3rd Reading).
AS AMENDED, WOULD DROP THE POSITION OF INSPECTOR OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES FROM TIER 2 TO TIER 5, WITH A SALARY RANGE OF \$23,000 TO \$25,000. (requires 3 readings for adoption)

2. TOR-92-3 - Ordinance Amendment-Chapter 12, Sec. 12-1, Sub-Sec. B of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Cable Television Advisory Commission) (Mayor) (3rd Reading).

WOULD CHANGE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMISSION BY DELETING THE INSPECTOR OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES AS A MEMBER AND BY ADDING THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS/TOWN ELECTRICIAN AS A MEMBER, WHO SHALL SERVE AS THE TOWN OF AGAWAM'S CABLE TELEVISION LIAISON OFFICER. (requires 3 readings for adoption)

3. TOR-92-5 - An Ordinance amending Chapter 96, Sec. 96-8 of the Agawam Town Code (Coun. Willis) (2nd Reading).

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE TO CURB DOGS, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE DOG OWNERS TO REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF ALL FECES DEPOSITED ON ANY PUBLIC WAY, PARK OR PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE OWNER. (requires 3 readings for adoption)

4. TOR-92-6 - An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 175, Article XI Entitled "Backflow and Cross-Connection Regulations" of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Mayor) (1st Reading).

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD LOWER TEST FEE FOR STATE MANDATED DEVICES TO \$15 PER TEST PER DEVICE AND WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE FEE FOR TOWN MANDATED DEVICES. THE FEE FOR BOTH STATE AND TOWN MANDATED DEVICES IS CURRENTLY \$50 PER TEST PER DEVICE.

5. TO-92-5 - Transfer-\$22,000 from Reserve Fund (7000-5600-R551) to Line Item - Social Security Medicare (7000-5600-R1026) (Mayor).
TRANSFER TO COVER EXPENDITURES FOR REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR.

6. TO-92-6 - Transfer-\$30,000 from Reserve Fund (7000-5600-R551) to Line Item - Unemployment Compensation (7000-5600-R558) (Mayor).
TRANSFER TO COVER UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR.

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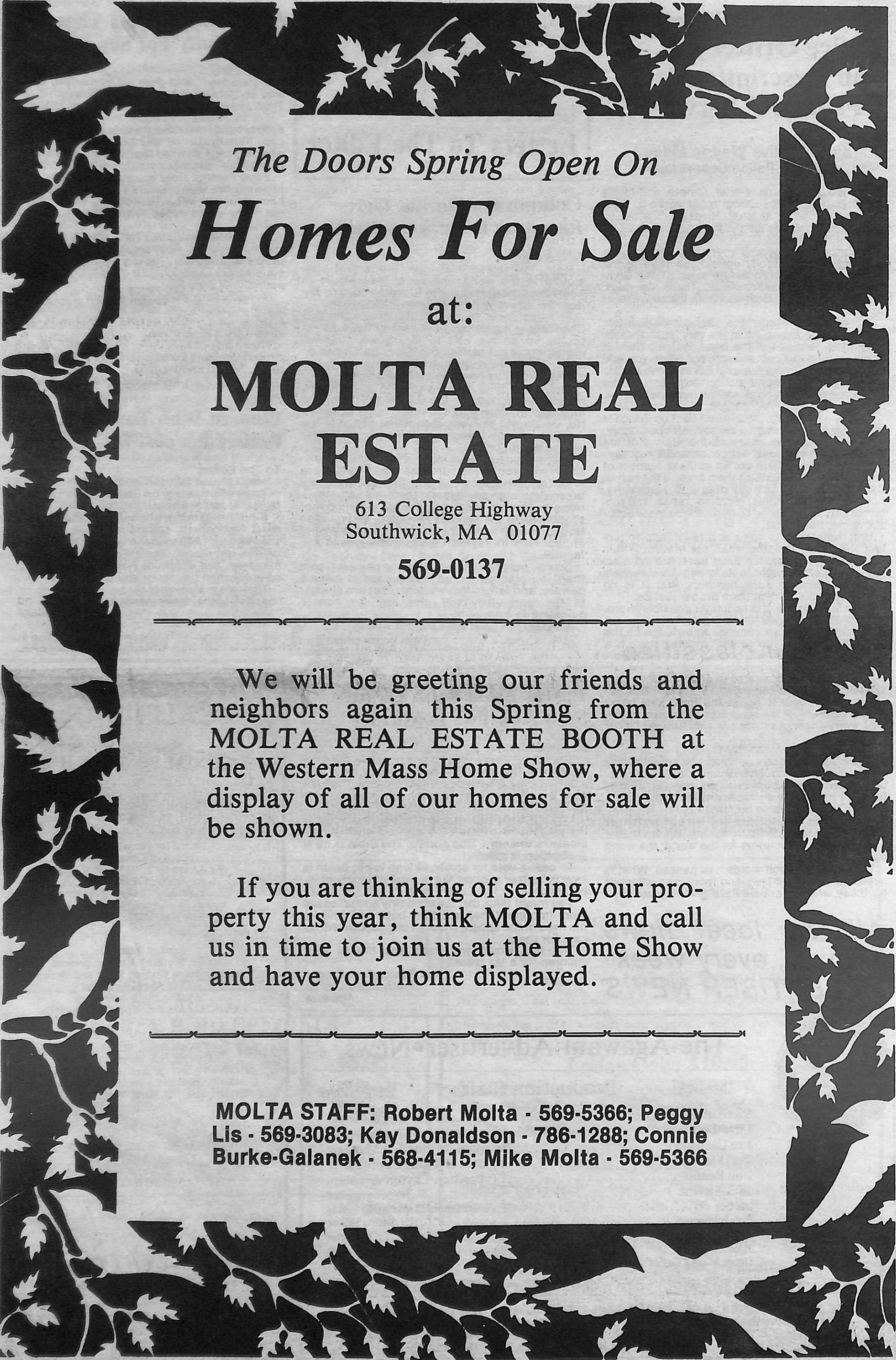
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Agawam Crime Prevention... Police Officer's Job Description Is To "Protect & Serve"

by Detective Wayne Macey
Agawam Police Department

The job description is brief, simple, and to the point. Today's police officer must agree to "protect and serve" at all cost. However, it's not so much the two words as it is the implications contained within each.

We must be prepared every day—indeed, on every call—to faithfully uphold the laws of the Constitution and enforce the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. There are rules, procedures, and guidelines within which we must operate.

In order to preserve the peace and maintain civility, we are expected, at the very least, to work within the confines of the legal system. That, at times, can be difficult enough, but when you add department policy to the long list of rules, the job description of today's police officer suddenly takes on new meaning as well as tremendous risk.

We are a society of people hell-bent on living for the moment and living to excess. Alcohol, drugs, money, and sex are some of the ills we of the police department deal with each and every day.

It would seem there are an endless number of calls for help, and 95% of them involve the above. Car accidents, family disputes, assaults, housebreaks, larcenies, murders, rapes, and robberies can all be traced back to one or more of the above-mentioned ills.

Unfortunately, the rules and laws tend to protect the criminal, rather than the victim. Within the last few weeks, we have seen the criminal justice system brought to its knees. Lawbreakers have increased in such numbers that it is no longer possible to deal them proper justice.

More importantly, it is no longer possible to properly protect the law-abiding people within our community. It is now common knowledge on the street that unless you commit murder, there is a good possibility you will be back in action before sunrise.

The jails are full, and even after allowing convicted criminals to serve half- or quarter-time, we still have no room to house the fresh new talent appearing daily. A message has been sent to victims everywhere, and it reads very simply: OPEN SEASON.

Priorities have to be re-examined and adjusted. We can no longer bury our heads and pretend the problem doesn't exist. A civilized society cannot function where law enforcement lacks the punch and the system has no bottom line.

Crime is on the increase and we can no longer sit back and tolerate its existence. We no longer have to prepare ourselves for the worst: the worst has arrived.

The time for tough words has passed. What is needed are tougher laws and increased jail space for those who believe we have given up entirely.

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Letters To The Editor

Column On Florida Gets Response From Vero Beach

To The Editor:

I am now retired in Florida, the largest playground in the world, and as an ex-resident of Agawam, I am always eager to read a copy of *The Agawam Advertiser News* (February 13th, 1992).

I was surprised to read contributing writer Bob Chadbourn's criticism of the many flaws he encountered on his visit to this state. Granted, everything is not perfect; the heavy traffic can be attributed to the northerners down here, enjoying a break from the harsh weather at home.

The many "For Sale" signs he encountered reflect the economy in the U.S. at this time, and for those who can afford it, it is a buyer's market. No, we do not have any mountains and very few twisting roads—these contribute to much safer driving conditions.

There is one pitfall, though, that I would like to share with you. If you purchase a mobile home in a rental park, be careful and find out the facts before you sign any papers; there are some park owners who are escalating the lot rentals out of proportion to the services rendered, and passing through unfair assessments to the homeowner of impact fees for regional water management and landfill.

So you may find that you have to pay a lot more than you planned for, so it is a case of buyer's beware, and talk to the residents that are already in the park—they will give you an honest guideline to work with!

Keep up the good work in your newspaper.

I am yours sincerely,
Kenneth W. Roberts
Vero Beach,
Florida

Pastor From Faith Church Says Abortion Is Murder

To The Editor:

It is interesting to me to see people's reaction when they find out that I will not vote for a candidate if they are pro death (pro choice). They will say, "How can you let abortion rule who you vote for?"

I do not want someone in office who advocates the murder of children. To support such a candidate is to deny's God's word. The Bible is clear—**abortion is murder!**

To cast a vote for someone who is pro death is saying I either support the murder of innocent little children, or I just don't care.

You might think that the economy and taxes are more important than abortion, but I will vote for the lives of the unborn children because God does care for them.

Tell me, would you trade the life of your children for a tax break?

Pastor Tom Crouse
Faith Bible Church
Agawam

AHS Band Parents Thank Community For Support

To The Editor:

A great big thanks goes out to the townspeople who so generously supported the recent Band-a-Thon at Agawam High School.

For 15 consecutive hours, members of the high school bands and colorguard played 'til they dropped...literally. In the wee hours of the morning, sleeping bags adorned the hallways while a group of staunch musicians played on in the cafeteria.

Band Parents sleepily watched over the group, knowing full well that this event would not have been possible without the continuous support of the many who stopped by with their support and pledges.

Springfield Institution for Savings, Strathmore Paper, BayBank, Agawam Advertiser News, and Stop and Shop were among the corporate-sector benefactors, and for their support, the Band is particularly grateful.

Nevertheless, the mainstay were the good people of Agawam, too numerous to mention here. After a long night, almost \$3,000 was raised toward the \$25,000 goal.

The reality of new uniforms may still be a way off, but the Band Parents remain steadfast in their belief that "it can be done."

AHS Band Parents Association

Woman Who Took Bad Fall Praises People Who Helped

To The Editor:

May I please take this opportunity to thank a lot of folks who came to my aid when I had a very bad fall on Monday, February 10th.

First, the operator who kept me talking (as I was most incoherent), calmed me down, and dialed the Pheasant Hill manager's office so they could unlock my front door. Sandy Lapore, office manager, and Germaine from maintenance arrived and called the police and ambulance.

They were also most kind and drove me to the hospital. Many, many thanks to all.

Sincerely,
Carol L. Gallamore
Feeding Hills

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Sunday, March 1st
Italian Women's Club to present
"La Primavera Fashion Show and Brunch"
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11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, March 4th
Feeding Hill Women's Club
With guest speaker George Bitzas,
who'll show slides on his native Greece
Grange Hall, 47 North West Street, F.H.
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Ag. Police Weekly Crime Blotter

On February 10th, **John Iellamo**, 52 River Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with two counts of receiving stolen property. Arresting officers were Richard Conlon, Mark Poggi, and Sgt. Loncto.

On February 11th, **Matthew Blackburn**, 94 Glendale Road, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Robert Marsh and Det. Walter Letellier.

On February 12th, **Jan Michael Harrington**, 20 Hancock Street, Greenfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Walter Zymroz and Eric Lottermoser.

On February 13th, **Brian K. Maillet**, 101 High Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding State Police warrant. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska and Steve Grasso.

On February 13th, **James M. Small**, 420 Main Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Edward Connor and Detective Walter Letellier.

On February 14th, **Mark Castonguay**, 132 Meadowbrook Road, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Walter Zymroz.

On February 14th, **Louis P. Courteau**, 954 Main Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Richard Conlon and Richard Niles.

On February 14th, **John D. Luginbuhl**, 52 Campbell Drive, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Richard Conlon and Richard Niles.

On February 15th, **Phillip J. Ozone**, 410 Meadow Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Florida warrant. Arresting officers were Det. Walter Letellier and Joe Dymon.

On February 15th, **Robert H. Cox**, 106 Hartland Hollow, Granville, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi, Richard Conlon, and Gary O'Brien.

On February 17th, **William C. Miller**, of no known address, was arrested and charged with

assault & battery on a police officer and threat to murder. Arresting officers were Gary O'Brien, Steve Grasso, and Mark Poggi.

On February 18th, **Flore T. Liquori**, 18 James Avenue, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Eric Lottermoser and Jim Donovan.

On February 18th, **Chris T. Hoague**, 77 High Street, Apartment No. 4, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko, Jim Donovan, and Mark Ceccarini.

On February 18th, **Robert C. Adams, Jr.**, of no known address, was arrested and charged with forcible rape, assault with a dangerous weapon, and assault & battery. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko, Mark Ceccarini, Walter Zymroz, Jim Donovan, and Det. Wayne Macey.

On February 19th, **Elizabeth Ann Miller**, 30 Union Street, Westfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Alan Collins and Gerald O'Keefe.

On February 20th, **Phil H. Collins**, 610 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with three counts of assault & battery on a police officer, driving while under the influence of alcohol, malicious damage over \$250.00, and possession of a class "D" substance. Arresting officers were Mark Pfau and Mark Ceccarini.

On February 20th, **Dana Palmer**, 400 St. James Avenue, Springfield, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension. Arresting officer was Mike Gruska.

On February 21st, **Scott J. Bushey**, 59 So. Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension, unregistered, uninsured, attaching plates. Arresting officers were Paul Murphy, Eric Lottermoser, and Jim Donovan.

On February 22nd, **Robin Croft**, 542 Goodwin Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Mike Gruska.

On February 22nd, **Deward F. French**, 71 Lamson Street, W. Haven, CT, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska, Richard Niles, and Richard Conlon.

FIRE-WISE

by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

Smoke Is A Killer... Stay Low And Go

The Agawam Fire Department would like to remind you that in the event of a fire, get down on your hands and knees and crawl to safety. Eighty percent of all fire fatalities are caused by smoke inhalation.

Smoke is full of poisonous gases and even a few breaths of this toxic air could kill you. Since smoke rises, you should get below the smoke, crawl to the nearest exit and get out quickly.

Don't take time to gather valuables. Get out quick!

Test Your Emergency

Over 5,000 people perish each year in home fires because they don't know what to do. The Agawam Fire Department hopes your family has prepared and practiced a home fire escape plan.

Start today to locate and learn to use alternate routes to safety. Don't wait until there's a fire to discover windows are painted or nailed shut. Check all windows to see if they open from the inside.

Provide escape ladders from rooms above the first floor. Fast actions are needed in a fire and practice helps that happen.

Councilor Willis Slates Office Hours

Town Councilor Joanne H. Willis will hold her monthly office hours at the Agawam Senior Center, 57 Wright Street, on Friday, February 28th, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Councilor Willis will be available to listen to constituent concerns. All residents are invited to attend.

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Bodman Seeks Seat On State Committee

Doug Bodman of Agawam has announced that he is a candidate for the Democratic State Committee post, which will be elected March 10th on the Presidential primary ballot.

Each Senatorial district will elect one woman and one man to represent their district on the State Committee. Agawam is part of the First Hampden District, which also includes West Springfield, Longmeadow, and Wards 1, 3, 4, and 6 in Springfield.

Bodman is employed as Business Representative of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union No. 7. He has been an active member of the Agawam Democratic Committee, which he has chaired for the past two years.

He has worked diligently on campaigns for many of the area politicians, which include Congressman John Olver, Congressman Richard Neal, Senator Ted Kennedy, Senator John Kerry, State Senator Linda Melconian, State Senator Stan Rosenberg, State Representatives Mike Walsh and Paul Caron, and candidate for Governor John Silber, and candidate for State Representative Mary Gail Cokinnias.

Bodman is a member of the Tax Equity Alliance of Massachusetts (TEAM) and worked on the Quality of Life Campaigns to defeat Question 2 in 1988 and Question 3 in 1990.

He serves as a Vice-President of the Pioneer Valley AFL-CIO, and a Trustee of the Pioneer Valley Building and Construction Trades Council. He is a Vietnam veteran, serving in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1970.

Bodman would bring new energy to the delegation from the First Hampden District, as he is running to unseat an incumbent who has not attended a Committee meeting in the past two years. He believes that after more than 12 years of one-party dominance in Massachusetts, the Democratic Party became lax and has let its party base erode.

Moreover, he adds, in these tough economic times, middle-class working women and men need a strong Democratic Party with a strong, simple message that gives people a reason to "Vote Democratic."

Bodman feels the State Democratic Committee should support elected leaders who support its party platform and work to assure their reelection, saying, "They (the Committee members) should recruit candidates to replace those who do not promote our ideals, and we should provide campaign services for our candidates at all electoral levels."

In conclusion, Bodman states that he will work to rebuild the strength of the Democratic Party in Massachusetts, and asks for your support when you vote on March 10th.

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1992 at 6:00 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of HERITAGE HALL who is seeking a Special Use Permit in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the Fifth Annual Founders Day Celebration to be held on the grounds of Heritage Hall, 61 COOPER STREET, on May 8th and 9th, 1992.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Anthony Grimaldi, Acting Chairman
Published: February 27, 1992



AGAWAM ATTORNEY ANTHONY C. BONAVITA is seeking a seat on the Republican State Committee representing the First Hampden Senatorial District.

Attorney Bonavita Seeks GOP Seat On 1st District State Committee

In a statement released this week, Anthony C. Bonavita announced his candidacy for the Republican State Committee for the First Hampden Senatorial District.

One male and one female from each of the 40 Senatorial Districts are elected to the Republican State Committee. The communities of Agawam, West Springfield, Springfield (four wards), and Longmeadow make up the First Hampden District.

Bonavita, an attorney, is a principal in the law firm of Bonavita, Gordon & Danie, P.C. of Agawam. He is a graduate of Fordham University and Suffolk University Law School.

In the private practice of law for 14 years, he is a former Agawam Town Prosecutor, Assistant Town Attorney, and Town Solicitor. He is also a member of the Hampden County and Massachusetts Bar Associations. Bonavita served as a honorary chairperson for the 1991 Agawam-West Springfield Crop Walk.

Bonavita is 39 years old, is married to the former Adele Rueli of Springfield, and they have two children, Carlo and Franca.

Attorney Bonavita is a member of the Agawam Town Republican Committee and was a delegate to the 1990 Massachusetts Republican Conven-

tion. He has recently been selected to be an At Large delegate to the 1992 Republican Presidential Task Force-Party Platform Planning Committee.

Bonavita has been active in Republican campaigns and cites his past experience as examples of his ability to organize and work with people to achieve success for the Republican Party:

* Agawam Coordinator for Governor Weld's General Election campaign.

* Agawam Co-Chairman with Agawam Mayor Christopher Johnson in Steven Pierce's Congressional campaign.

Bonavita stated, "I believe the State Committee posts are vital to the success of the Republican Party, as it is the link between the local communities and the State Party level. As a State Committeeman, I pledge to work closely with the local committees of Agawam, West Springfield, Springfield, and Longmeadow to insure that they are informed and that their points of view are heard. I offer a new voice for their concerns."

"I respectfully ask Republican and Independent voters to consider my candidacy for State Committee and to vote for me in the March 10th, 1992 election at the Republican Presidential Primary," concluded Bonavita.

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by Tim Ayre
Merrill Lynch Financial Consultant

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Given continuing fluctuations in the markets, diversification of portfolio assets plays a vital role in building and protecting wealth. Strategically diversifying your assets can help to minimize risk and maximize returns so that you'll be better prepared to ride out rough times and prosper over the long term.

No matter how well off you are, you should ask yourself whether you are preparing adequately to meet your financial needs, particularly given current demographic and savings trends.

It's never too soon to start planning your financial future. There are a number of smart moves you can make now to position yourself for prosperity—not just in the 1990's, but on into the next century.

It is very important to develop an asset-strategy approach to help you quantify your financial goals and structure your portfolio to meet changing economic forces, given your particular financial goals and your ability to tolerate risk in order to meet those goals.

Your approach should encompass three distinct elements:

1) Review your overall financial situation. Target effective strategies for your total financial portfolio and identify the pool of capital you have available to invest.

2) Establish broad portfolio management guidelines for investing your available capital, including determining the asset allocation that's right for you. Asset allocation refers to how you diversify your investment dollars among major classes of assets, such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and cash equivalents, etc.

3) Select specific investments within each asset category that offer the best potential to achieve your financial goals.

With some planning and a disciplined saving and investment program, it is possible to get rich slowly. More often than not, that is how it is done.

If you would like some information on asset allocation techniques or an investment outlook brochure for 1992, give me a ring at Merrill Lynch (785-4141).

Melconian Blasts WMECO Rate Request

State Senator Linda J. Melconian issued the following press release this week:

"Recently, the Western Massachusetts Electric Company submitted a request to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities for an aggregate rate increase of 9.1%. I am outraged by this request and have expressed my strong opposition in a letter to the Secretary and Commissioners of the Department of Public Utilities.

"This rate increase, which would impact residential, business, and municipal users, comes at a time when residents are already having a difficult time making ends meet due to salary cuts and layoffs; business bankruptcies are at an all-

time high; and city and town managers are finding it difficult to maintain basic services.

"WMECO's reasons for the increase are unjustified, particularly when the company has increased managerial salaries by 54% over the last four years, and returned a 10% dividend to its investors."

She continued, "At a time when Massachusetts is experiencing a recession, companies like WMECO should be sharing a part of the financial burden as everyone else is, not passing all of it onto consumers. Clearly, utility services in the form of light and heat are a basic necessity which should not be a financial burden to our citizens.

"In summary, this rate request should not be

approved. The current recession has taken a significant toll on municipalities, businesses, and citizens in the Greater Western Massachusetts area.

"It is highly inappropriate for the Department of Public Utilities to grant this increase when a utility company like WMECO refuses to tighten its belt, provide cost containment, and prudent management.

"I urge you to join me in opposing this rate request by writing to Mary Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA, 02202," concluded Melconian.

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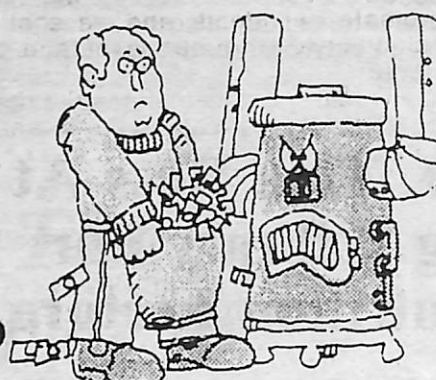
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- 50 gallon - .58



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Jr. Women Deliver Valentines To Elderly

Agawam Junior Women's Club members and their children recently delivered approximately 120 Valentine cards to residents at Heritage Hall Nursing Home.

The Valentines were handmade by members' children. The children who helped their mothers deliver the cards enjoyed personally handing them to residents as well as wishing the residents "Happy Valentine's Day."

Over the past year, members of the club and their children have made and delivered cards to Heritage Hall residents on several occasions, including spring, Halloween (delivered in costume), and Season's Greetings.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Ag. Tour Planners Heading For Popular Canadian Sites

The Agawam Tour Planners will offer the following trips to the general public:

Niagara Falls and Toronto, starting June 15th for four days. Cost \$327 (twin).

On August 6th, a one-day World Yacht Cruise. We will head for New York City; upon arrival, we will board a luxurious yacht for a lovely luncheon cruise. Once back on land, we will go to South Street Seaport for a little browsing and shopping. Cost \$50.

Beginning September 10th, a four-day Maine coast adventure. Cost \$287 (twin).

On October 14th, a one-day mystery trip will be held.

A \$25 deposit will hold a reservation for any of these trips. For more information or reservations, call Nellie Mathias, 786-9093, or Helen Blanchard, 786-9859.

Reservations may also be made at the Senior Center ticket booth between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. daily.

Dr. Tina Ross At Ag. Library For Nutrition Lecture

Dr. Tina D. Ross, Chiropractic Physician, will present a lecture titled "NUTRITION - ARE YOU WHAT YOU EAT?" on Wednesday, March 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library.

Dr. Ross will discuss how food affects your behavior, moods, stamina, awareness, and general health. Also, what constitutes a healthy diet, food and healing, overeating, and under-eating.

This is the second in a five-part series of lectures on "HEALTH AND FITNESS" being presented on Wednesday evenings at the Agawam Public Library. Future topics are: "PREVENTION OF BACK INJURIES" on March 11th; "COMBATING STRESS" on March 18th; and "SITTING ON THE JOB" on March 25th.

All lectures are free and open to the public. Interested persons may register for any or all of the Health and Fitness programs by calling the library at 789-1550.

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See Page 18

Annual St. John's Supper Draws Good Crowd



WORKING HARD to keep up with the large crowd who attended the February 13th church supper sponsored by St. John's Parish are volunteers, from left - Charlie Calabrese, Ed Disco, Jennie Christopher, and Joe Depalo. RELATED PHOTOS ON PAGE 9. Advertiser News

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JAMES & LAURETTE LYNCH enjoy a great macaroni supper prepared at St. John's Church on February 13th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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The Food Was Oh So Good At St. John's



ST. JOHN'S PARISH held its annual supper on February 13th in the Parish Center. IN PHOTO LEFT, John Michael and Kristin Ann DeLucchi are en route to eating a delicious supper; IN PHOTO RIGHT, volunteers Eleanor Pietroniro, Marge Disco, and Pat Moccio helped with the dessert table. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Agawam's Diane Little Announces Meeting Of Area DAR Chapter

Dianne Little of Agawam, Regent of the Mercy Warren Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, has announced the next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3rd in the Guild Room of Faith Church, Sumner Avenue and Fort Pleasant Street, Springfield.

A tea will be held at 12:15 p.m., hosted by the Betsy Ross Club, incorporating the educational theme of the day and including an American Heritage Corner displaying early American children's books.

The chapter will be celebrating the 1992 National Society DAR Good Citizens Day, honoring area high school seniors who were chosen by their schools as best exemplifying outstanding qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism in his or her school, home and community.

Gail Nadok of Agawam, chairman of the Good Citizens Day program will be presenting pins to the selected students. Honored from Agawam will be Sheila Martin, a senior at Agawam High School.

Persons interested in membership should call Dianne Little at 786-9268 or Membership Chairman, Marion Roan of Longmeadow at 567-5771.

Grange To Attend Program In Palmer

In addition to two regular meetings for Community Grange members and two public card parties, a meeting for the Grange's agriculture and conservation committees will take place in Palmer Grange Hall, Palmer, Saturday, February 29th.

The Feeding Hills Community Grange is also invited to visit both East Longmeadow and Whately Grange on March 12th, but the card parties will go on as usual on the first and third Thursdays of the month (March 5th and 19th). Priscilla Magagnoli is in charge of the card parties and will be assisted by Ellen Kloster.

At the Grange Card Parties, held at the Grange Home on 47 North West Street, Feeding Hills, progressive whist is played with meat, eggs, and groceries as prizes. The card parties start promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Best local news

Sgt. Richard Greene Completes Course

Air Force Reserve Sgt. Richard P. Greene has completed the aircraft structural maintenance course at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Illinois.

Students received training in the repair, replacement, and modification of aircraft and missile airframe structures. Also included were the use of technical orders and publications, development of layout for repairs, and fabrication of parts and assemblies.

He is the son of Phillip A. Greene of Agawam. The sergeant is a 1984 graduate of West Springfield High School.

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JACOB CHARLES FOGG

Foggs Celebrate Birth Of New Son, Jacob

Brian & Linda Fogg would like to announce the birth of their son, Jacob Charles, born on December 11th, 1991.

Jacob weighed in at 7½ ounces and measured 20 inches. Ken & Joyce Peck of Feeding Hills and Jim & Jerry Fogg are the proud grandparents.

Great-grandparents are Jennie Sullivan, Thelma White, and Walter & Barbara Fogg, all of Feeding Hills.

Daughters Of Isabella To Meet March 4th

The next meeting of Loyalty Circle No. 356, Daughters of Isabella, will be held on Wednesday, March 4th, at 7:30 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall, Park Avenue, West Springfield.

The speaker will be Irene Scanlon, proprietor of Irene's Closet on Springfield Street, Agawam, who sells clothing on consignment. Her topic will be "I Can Get It For You Resale." She will demonstrate, accessorize, and coordinate various clothing.

Guests are invited. The refreshment committee is Janet Wysocki, Grace Hughes, Edna Sheridan, and Doris Willard.

Regent Janice Couture will conduct the business meeting.

Timeless Truth For Today... A Test Of True Character

by Roger Martin, pastor
Agawam Church of the Bible

The customer strolls down the store aisle, picks up a sweater, casually stuffs it into a large handbag, and closes it quickly...unseen by anyone.

Not hardly—I'm watching her on my television screen, along with several million other television viewers. She has been caught by a well-placed surveillance camera.

Someone has said, "Character is what you are when no one is looking." That's good, but I believe there is a slightly better description: "Character is what you are when you think no one is looking." It's what you are when you think you won't get caught.

The person with true character (or righteousness, as the Bible calls it) will do what is right all the time—regardless of the cost, regardless of who is watching. And this is precisely the kind of righteousness that a perfect, holy

God expects of us.

If you are thinking that no one can have that kind of character, you're right...and wrong! While none of us can live out that kind of character, we can have it credited to us.

The Bible says, "God made him (Jesus) who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Did you get that? Jesus took our sin, so that we could have the character of God credited to us. Now, you might think we'd have to work pretty hard to receive his righteousness; the answer is "no."

"This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe," the Bible promises. Trusting God's work is all it takes.

Imagine that; true character isn't impossible after all.

Sunday Afternoons For Families Again Being Offered At Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is continuing its series of **Sunday Afternoons on the Sanctuary** each Sunday in March at 2:00 p.m.

These hourlong family programs provide an introduction to an area of natural history and are included in the price of sanctuary admission.

Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2.50 for senior citizens and children under 16, and free for children under three and Massachusetts Audubon members. Laughing Brook is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The wildlife exhibit area is open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March 1st: **Winter Green** Pine, hemlock, and partridgeberry are just a few of the hardy plants that keep their green beauty all year long. Take a look at these and other plants that are commonly called evergreen.

March 8th: **Reptiles** Cold and slimy creatures

come to mind when you hear the word reptile. Do they deserve negative associations? Learn more about local reptiles in this informative program.

March 15th: **Family Day!** Today admission is half price and two family programs are offered. At 1:00 p.m., take part in **New England Wildlife**, a guided walk through the Northeast Habitat Exhibit. At 2:30 p.m., **Owls** introduces one of Laughing Brook's resident birds of prey and its habits and adaptations.

March 22nd: **As Winter Gives Way** Spring has arrived and what a better place to look for signs of the season than in a swamp! Search for the earliest signs that winter has passed on this swamp walk.

For further information on **Sunday Afternoons on the Sanctuary** or a copy of Laughing Brook's current newsletter, call 413-566-8034.

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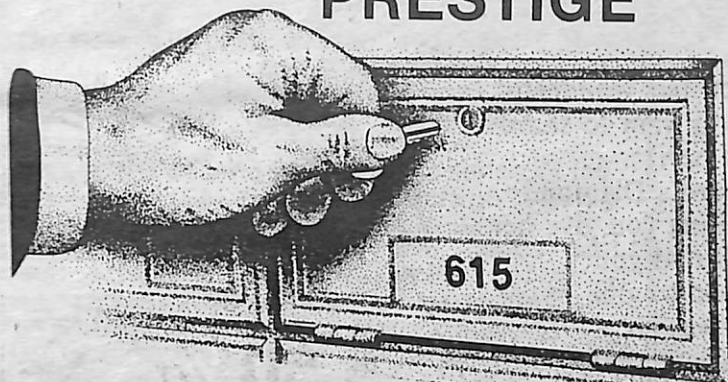
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Agawam OBITUARIES

Stella Blanchard

Stella (Sulborski) Blanchard, 74, of 644 North Street, Feeding Hills, retired manager of cafeterias in the Agawam School Department, died recently in Mercy Hospital in Springfield. She retired in 1983.

Born in Springfield, she was a lifelong resident of Feeding Hills. She was a member of the Polish Women's Alliance Group 422 of Springfield, the Feeding Hills Women's Club, and the Feeding Hills Golden Agers.

She leaves her husband, Lionel H. Blanchard; a son, L. William of Wilbraham; two daughters, Phyllis Walker of Springfield and Gerry Brasin of East Longmeadow; a brother, Edward of Dunedin, Florida, and nine grandchildren.

The funeral was at Springfield Funeral Home, and in Sacred Heart Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald House, Chapin Terrace, Springfield, 01107.

August S. Patruski

August Sebastian Patruski, 77, of 24 Dwight Street, Agawam, a retired 34-year employee of Moore Drop Forge Co., died at Providence Hospital in Holyoke. He retired in 1981.

Born in Belchertown, he lived in Springfield for 40 years before moving to Agawam six years ago.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, and served in Europe with the 101st Airborne Division. The "Screaming Eagles" fought in Normandy and Holland, and held Bastogne, Belgium, in the Ardennes campaign in the winter of 1944-45.

Patruski was a communicant of Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Springfield, and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 70 in Springfield and the 101st Airborne Division Association.

He leaves his wife, the former Jean Zadroga; a daughter, Diane McAlpine of Granby; four sisters, Millie Salamon of the Thorndike section of Palmer, and Wanda Goodell, Veronica Patruski and Stasia Stathis of Springfield; six grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was at Springfield Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery.

John W. Melbourne

John W. Melbourne, 71, of 26 Gale Street, Feeding Hills, a retired employee of General Electric Corp. in Springfield, died at the Veterans Administration Hospital in West Roxbury.

He was the owner of the former J.W. Melbourne Moving & Storage Co. in Springfield. After retiring from GE in 1970, he wrote articles for outdoors magazines.

Born in Springfield, he was graduated from the former Springfield Technical High School, and lived in Feeding Hills from 1948.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, and soldiered in Europe.

He leaves his wife, the former Ruth Leonard; a son, Daniel F. of Springfield; a daughter, Marlaine McLean of Haverhill; a brother, Crispin of Longmont, Colo.; three sisters, Mary Kittridge of Wilbraham, Margaret Burdon of Plaistow, N.H., and Faith Smith of Chattahoochee, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was at T.P. Sampson Co.'s Chapel of the Acres, with burial at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Wild Turkey Federation, P.O. Box 530, Edgefield, S.C., 29824-0530.

Ag. Congregational Announces Next Events

The Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, announces the following upcoming events:

On Saturday, February 29th, a Leap Year Dance will be held by the Saturday Night Alive Group (adults 18 to 105 years young). Everyone is invited to join in this night of fellowship and dancing.

There will be prizes, raffles, games, and dancing to the "Twist," "Limbo," "Electric Slide," and more! A donation of \$2.90 per person is requested.

Bring your favorite record and our youth voluntary D.J.'s will spin it for you. All are welcome!

The Wednesday night worship service at 7:00 p.m. will continue throughout the year. This half-hour informal service with Communion precedes the Relate Bible Study.

The Relate Bible Study series continues every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. Together we will

R.E.L.A.T.E.—Relax, Examine our lives, Listen to God's story, Ask ourselves questions, Tell our stories, Entrust all to God.

An Ash Wednesday service will take place on Wednesday, March 4th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church. This will be a service of penitence and confession, and there will be periods of silence and personal reflection.

The church will be holding its annual Nick Zucco Scholarship Dinner on Sunday, March 8th, at 5:00 p.m. The dinner is free, yet donations are requested.

This is a fundraiser for students entering college and students continuing their education. Along with great food, there will be great entertainment from magician Tom O'Brien.

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Rosemarie A. Stack Bride Of Richard A. Light, Jr.

In a recent ceremony at St. John the Evangelist Church, Main Street, Agawam, Richard A. Light, Jr., and Rosemarie Ann Stack were united in marriage.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Light, Sr., of Agawam. The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stack of Agawam.

Michelle Blanchard served as maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were Cynthia Stack, Kathleen Stack, and Jennifer Light. Elena Nataro served as flower girl.

Joseph Kierkla served as best man, and the groomsmen were Thomas Sliech, Donald Gallerani, and Rob Stack. Ringbearer was Thomas Stack.

Following the ceremony, which was celebrated by Father Richard Meehan, Pastor, and Father Richard Tinney (cousin of the bride), there was a reception held at the Delaney House in Holyoke. The couple then left for Las Vegas.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and Westfield State College. She is employed at Bank of Boston and Waldbaum's.

The groom is a graduate of Agawam High School, the Police Academy, and Holyoke Community College. He is employed by the Town of Agawam.

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Elderly Pool Players Whip Team From AHS



FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR the Agawam Senior Center's Men's Pool Club defeated an upstart team from Agawam High School. While all matches were close, the Geritol crew eventually won, 3-0 to retain "The Mayor's Trophy." The Champs (above) are, from left - Paul "Fats" Osypuk, Alex "Killer" Moody, John "Shot Maker" Balas, William "One Ball" Casey, George "Trouble" McKillup, and James "The Truth" Quinn. The AHS Team included, from left - Jeff Bryant, Ben Walsh, Bryan Perry, Chris Roy, Scott Tryba, and Bryan MacDonald. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Ag. Senior Center Calendar For MARCH

Monday, March 2nd: 12:45 p.m. "Monday Movies."

Monday, March 2nd: 1:00 p.m. Learn a new card game. This month is pitch.

Tuesday, March 3rd: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. S.H.I.N.E.—Serving Health Information Needs of Elders, courtesy of the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. By appointment.

Tuesday, March 3rd: 11:30 a.m. Birthday Recognition. By reservation.

Tuesday, March 3rd: 1:00 p.m. Free blood pressure, A-L.

Wednesday, March 4th: 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. Free tax assistance, courtesy of A.A.R.P., American Association of Retired Persons. By appointment.

Wednesday, March 4th: 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Podiatry, with Dr. Haynes.

Wednesday, March 4th: Musical—"Cabaret," Bay Path College. Call for more info.

Thursday, March 5th: 10:00 a.m. "Know Your Medicine" workshop. With George Atkins, Jr., pharmacist, Smith Drugs.

Friday, March 6th: Free diabetic screening.

Saturday, March 7th: Saturday Nite Bingo. Doors open at 5:15 p.m.

Monday, March 9th: 12:45 p.m. Monday movie.

Monday, March 9th: 1:00 p.m. Pitch - learn how.

Tuesday, March 10th: 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. Special presentation by Linda Galarneau, nutritionist with Greater Springfield Senior Services. "Nutrition News" and a video showing.

Tuesday, March 10th: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. The series continues - "How To Enjoy Talking About Money" seminar. With Howard Singer and Michael Potito, financial advisors.

Wednesday, March 11th: 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. Free tax assistance. By appointment.

Wednesday, March 11th: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Office hours with Councilor Nancy Gravel.

Thursday, March 12th: 10:00 a.m. "Know Your Medicine" workshop. With George Atkins, Jr., pharmacist.

Friday, March 13th: Special St. Patrick's Day menu, followed by Bingo. Reservations are now open (no classes this day).

Friday, March 13th: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Office hours with Councilor Tom Ennis.

Saturday, March 14th: There will be no Bingo on this night.

Monday, March 16th: 12:45 p.m. Monday movie.

Monday, March 16th: 1:00 p.m. Pitch - learn how.

Tuesday, March 17th: 10:00 a.m. Council on Aging monthly meeting.

Tuesday, March 17th: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. S.H.I.N.E. By appointment.

Tuesday, March 17th: 11:00 a.m. Special activities Day; Bingo in the afternoon.

Tuesday, March 17th: 1:00 p.m. Free blood pressure, M-Z.

Wednesday, March 18th: 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. Free tax assistance. By appointment.

Wednesday, March 18th: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Free legal consultation with Attorney Anthony Bonavita. By appointment.

Wednesday, March 18th: 9:45 to 11:45 a.m. A.A.R.P. presents "Building a Better Health and Long-Term Care System," with Bob Northgraves and Estelle Glazer. Public is invited.

Thursday, March 19th: 10:00 a.m. "Know Your Medicine" workshop. With George Atkins, Jr., pharmacist.

Friday, March 20th: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Office hours with Rep. Michael Walsh.

Saturday, March 21st: Bingo. Doors open at 5:15 p.m.

Monday, March 23rd: 12:30 p.m. Special program presented by District Attorney William Bennett, titled "Crime and the Elderly."

Monday, March 23rd: Monday movie will begin after the special program.

Tuesday, March 24th: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Free legal consultation with Attorney Teryl Deegan. By appointment.

Wednesday, March 25th: 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. Free tax assistance. By appointment.

Wednesday, March 25th: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. "Let's Dance Nite." Music by Libby Campa.

Thursday, March 26th: 9:30 a.m. Foot nurses. By appointment.

Thursday, March 26th: 10:00 a.m. "Know Your Medicine" workshop.

Friday, March 27th: 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Office hours with Councilor Joanne Willis.

Saturday, March 28th: Bingo. Doors open at 5:15 p.m.

Monday, March 30th: 12:45 p.m. Monday movies.

March brings the first day of spring. Friends' Board of Directors springs forth, preparing exciting fundraising events.

FOR YOUR PLEASURE:

Stay tuned to the Senior Scene for details of a comedy performance by the Covenant Players, a performing group from New York.

Remember to keep your dancing shoes polished and ready for "Let's Dance," a senior dance on Wednesday, March 25th, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Grab your partner and let's dance to the musical sounds of "Libby Campa"

on the keyboard. Refreshments will be available.

Friends' Board of Directors remains committed to the Agawam seniors and hopes your commitment of support continues. Helen Blanchard, Membership, looks forward to receiving Friends' 1992 dues and is most happy to receive new members.

Thanks go out to Nellie Mathias, the new volunteer sunshine woman.

Friends encourages members to take an active part in volunteering their time to support upcoming events.

HU KE LAU ADVENTURE AND MYSTERY SHOW

Sunday, May 17th, at the Hu Ke Lau restaurant, Chicopee. Depart from the Senior Center at 11:00 a.m. (if there are six or more passengers from Pheasant Hill, and/or six or more from Country View, there will be a pick-up at that location).

Price is \$17.50 and includes choice of two entrees (without MSG) which you will order upon arrival, mystery show, door prizes, giant raffle (which includes two Atlantic City certificates, handmade afgans, and more).

Come join the fun. This trip is sponsored by Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, Inc. Please make checks payable to "Friends."

Reservations may be made through the Senior Center ticket booth, Monday through Friday, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

KNOW YOUR MEDICINE - MARCH 5TH

Do you "Know Your Medicine"? Well, here is your chance to be better informed. An added bonus included in the workshop is "How To Save Money On Your Prescriptions."

The workshops will be conducted by Mr. George Atkins, Jr., pharmacist and owner of Smith Drugs. George is planning to invite representatives of pharmaceutical companies in his future workshops.

The first in a series of "Know Your Medicine" workshops is scheduled to begin on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m., beginning March 5th. The series is the first of many...as long as there is interest.

Please keep in mind that a lot of effort goes into bringing you programs, both educational and entertaining, and without the participation and interest they may be terminated.

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Wednesday, March 4th: Chapter 2—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with our guests, the AFS foreign exchange students.

Friday, March 6th: Chapter 1—Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Wednesday, March 11th: Chapter 1—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with guests "The West Side Dancers."

Monday, March 16th: Chapter 1—Trip to White's Restaurant for dinner and show. Theme - "St. Patrick's Day."

Wednesday, March 18th: Chapter 2—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with gift bingo.

Wednesday, March 25th: Chapter 1—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with a guest speaker on "Home Services."

Friday, March 27th: Chapter 2—Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Monday, March 30th: Trip to Hyde Park, FDR national site. Then on to the Culinary Institute of America.

Community Grange Slates March 3 Supper

Community Grange No. 382 will have a pot luck supper on Tuesday, March 3rd, at 6:15 p.m. at the Grange Hall. A meeting will follow the supper at 7:30 p.m.

Master Pauline Provost will be in charge of the program, "Wacky Wendy" night.

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Available time choices are mornings, afternoons, or evenings. For more information, call activities director at 786-0400, extension 242.

IT GETS HOTTER!!!

If you haven't heard of the Senior Games yet, here it is:

The word is out - if you are 55 years or older, you can enter the Senior Games, which are being held in the Greater Springfield area (focusing on Springfield College) in June 1992.

This is the first time Massachusetts has the opportunity to host the games, which is quite an honor.

We are looking for participants from the Agawam/Feeding Hills area to represent our town. We have a basketball coach who has offered to coach a three-man basketball team.

Also, we are looking for bowlers (10-pin or candlepin). For more information, call activities director at 786-0400, ext. 242.

"Agawam Day Is On" For Sunny FLA!

The Annual "Agawam Day Picnic" in Florida will be held on Wednesday, March 4th, at Shelter 6 in the Fred Howard Park in Tarpon Springs.

Bring your own lunch, beverage, and chairs! Please pass the word to anyone visiting or spending the winter in Florida that this is a great way to meet fellow townspeople and stay in touch!

For further information, you may call Betty or Ken Grady at 1-813-938-7521 or Evelyn & Al Martel at 1-813-937-0018.

Please come and enjoy the great fun.

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Agawam Trading Post Sale Includes Family Clothing

A Special 20% off sale on ALL ITEMS, Wednesday, March 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., plus a BACKROOM ONLY, \$3 BAG SALE, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., will be held at the First Baptist Church, corner of Main and Elm Streets in Agawam.

Included will be a good selection of clothing, all sizes, for all occasions and for all the family. We are a Consignment Shop, so we accept only GOOD AS NEW ITEMS, IN SEASON AND IN STYLE.

Many good buys will be available.

The Post also features small household items, drapes, bedspreads, lamps, picnics, electric appliances, toasters, and many miscellaneous items.

Are you looking for old records for taping or just to enjoy? We have a large number of records.

The Trading Post also carries toys, games and paperbacks.

The Post is open Wednesdays through the school year, and is entirely manned by volunteers from our church people. All monies earned go to help where needed in the church work or in the community.

We hope you will drop by. Remember, the special sale date is March 4th. Bring your friends.

Lenten Services At First Baptist Church

An Ash Wednesday service will be held on Wednesday, March 4th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary of the First Baptist Church. Youth Director David Anderson and Pastor Donald Morris will lead the solemn service.

The Pastor will speak on "The Meaning of Lent" and will serve communion to each worshipper individually. Homer Wright will offer a solo.

Lenten meetings will be held on five succeeding Wednesday evenings, leading to the services of Holy Week. Various committee members will conduct brief worship in Hall Chapel. Refreshments will follow two discussion groups.

Seminarian Jennifer Cashman will lead discussions on "Taking Discipleship Seriously." Laurie Walhovd and Dennis Roberts will lead discussions on "Commandments for Christian Living."

The public is cordially invited to participate.

Polish Club's Women Aux. To Host Guest Speaker

The Women's Auxiliary of the Polish American Club will have a guest speaker at its next meeting on Monday, March 2nd, at 7:30 p.m.

The subject is distinctive antiques and collectibles. Guests are invited and admission is free.

We would appreciate anyone attending to bring a food item to be donated to the Open Pantry.

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Jr. Women Seek Help For 1992 Ornament

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is seeking suggestions of a historical site in the community to be featured on its 1992 Commemorative Christmas Ornament.

The 1992 ornament will be the second in a series that features historical sites around Agawam. The first ornament in the series (1991) featured the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street, Agawam Center, built in 1815.

Anyone with a suggestion for this year's ornament, please call Pam at 789-3274 or Betty at 786-4357. You may also write to Agawam Junior Women's Club, Box 320, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

The club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Ag. Library Has Programs For Kids

"PEANUT BUTTER BIRTHDAY"

The Agawam Public Library invites you to help celebrate the 102nd birthday of peanut butter!

On Monday, March 2nd, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., we'll share stories, experiments, and samples of this tasty invention. This program is designed for ages four and up.

"BEDTIME STORYTIME"

Come for an evening storytime at the Agawam Public Library on Monday, March 9th, from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Especially designed to accommodate the 9-5 work schedule, we hope to lull one and all.

Come dressed for bed and bring your pillows if you'd like. This program is designed for two to three year-olds and their parents as part of the Early Childhood Library Services Expansion Project, federally funded by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Agawam and Feeding Hills residents may call the library at 789-1550 or stop by at 750 Cooper Street to register for either program.



AG. TOWN Councilor George Bitzas will be the guest of the Feeding Hills Women's Club on March 4th.

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Bitzas To Be Guest Of F.H. Women's Club

The Feeding Hills Women's Club will meet on Wednesday, March 4th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall on North West Street.

Mr. George Bitzas, a Councilor and a former teacher at West Springfield High School, will be our speaker and will show slides on Greece.

Greece is not a strange country to him; he lived in Athens and Olympia. We will have a most entertaining and enjoyable evening. (This may be wishful thinking, but we may be treated to Greek pastry.)

Do yourself a favor and don't miss this meeting. Remember, guests are always welcome.

F.H. Cong. Church Has Lenten Activities

On the first Sunday of Lent, March 8th, at 5:30 p.m., Feeding Hills Congregational Church will hold a covered dish supper and a group discussion hosted by the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses.

The primary focus of the discussion will be "God and Religion In the Secular Press." Several national magazines have recently published articles concerning prayer, the Dead Sea scrolls, and Mary, the mother of Jesus.

If these subjects, or others, have roused your interest or raised questions, then you are invited to join us. For further information, please call the church office, 786-5061.

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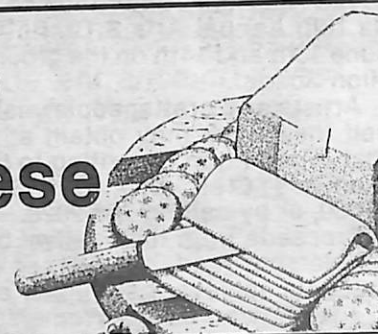
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Ag. Senior Center Lunch Menu

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Tuesday, March 3rd: Birthday Celebration—Roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, peas, oatmeal bread, birthday cake.

Wednesday, March 4th: Baked chicken leg, sweet potato, zucchini, Canadian oat bread, mixed fruit.

Thursday, March 5th: Turkey rice soup, BBQ ribs, potato rounds, whole wheat bread, chocolate pudding with whipped topping.

Friday, March 6th: Baked scrod, rice pilaf, pickled beets, rye bread, plums.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Adoration Society To Gather March 6th

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet in St. Ann's Church, Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, to conduct and pray the Office of The Blessed Sacrament, Friday, March 6th from 9:00 p.m. through 6:00 a.m. Saturday, March 7th.

Father Anthony R. Parcheski, C.S.S. opens the event with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Assisting Father Parcheski will be Louis Gallerani, president, and Doctor Stephen L. Daly, the group leaders.

All men, women, boys and girls are invited to membership in the society, to provide a human response to Christ's human plea for comfort and support in the night of His agony in Gethsemane.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

Prospective members may contact Father Parcheski or any member.

Jr. Women's Club Planning Arts Fest

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is planning its 18th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival to be held June 13th and 14th on the grounds of the Agawam High School.

Artists and craftspeople wishing to exhibit and sell their work may obtain applications and further information by writing to the Agawam Junior Women's Club, P.O. Box 320, Feeding Hills, 01030, or by calling 786-2928.

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Ag. Council On Aging To Hear Health Forum

Agawam's Council on Aging will present the forum "Building A Better Health Care System: America's Challenge of the 1990's" on Wednesday, March 18th, from 9:45 to 11:45 a.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam.

The community forum leaders will be two representatives from the Forest Park chapter of A.A.R.P.—Bob Northgraves, president, and Estelle Glazer, community health representative.

The presentation is free of charge and open to all members of the public, regardless of age. Contact Sandra S. Smith, activities director for the Agawam Senior Center, at 786-0400, extension 242, for more information.

Anthony L. Mancuso Enlists In Reserves

Anthony L. Mancuso, son of Terril Mancuso of West Springfield and Anne Frechette of Feeding Hills, recently enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve's Delayed Training Program (DTP), and will report for basic training on September 15th, 1992.

The Agawam High School and Holyoke Community College graduate will take basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and advance individual training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

He has chosen the position of operating room specialist as his military occupational specialty, and will be assigned to the 819 Station Hospital.

Mr. Francis McClellan of the Westfield Army recruiting station assisted Mancuso in his enlistment.

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Spring Session!!! Children's Swim Classes

Pool Program Descriptions

Pool Demonstrations Will Be Held...

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Monday, March 2nd, 9:30 AM

&

Thursday, March 5th, 9:30 AM

2½ - 4 years (Mon.) 4 - 5 years (Thurs.)

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6 months - 2½ years

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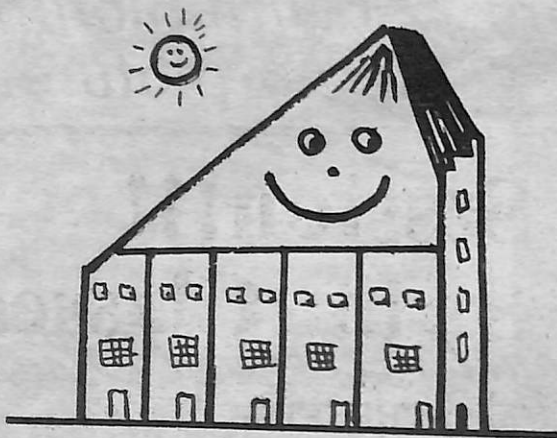
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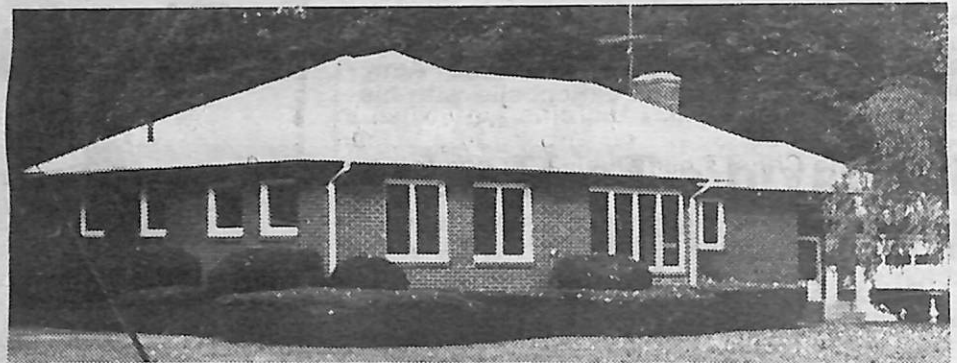


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Leonard House Still Accepting Donations

Grateful appreciation and sincere thanks were expressed this week by Trustee President Richard Brindle to all individuals, civic organizations, and businesspeople that have joined the Family of Friends of the Captain Charles Leonard House during the month of February.

Brindle was pleased to announce that among the many gifts received by the Leonard House, was a gift from Mrs. Elizabeth Davis Cook who lives in Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Cook is a granddaughter of Mrs. Minerva Davis, who gave the Captain Leonard House to Agawam in 1939 to serve as a meeting place and community center for the Town. Mrs. Cook has been a faithful and devoted Friend of the House since the program was started in 1980 by Trustee Ruth Perry.

Richard Brindle also noted that continuous and valued support to the Leonard House has been given by the Agawam Lions Club, Agawam Women's Club, Agawam Polish American Club, Agawam UNICO, Agawam Rotary Club, and by the Associated Bible Students.

All residents of Agawam are cordially invited to become Friends of the Captain Charles Leonard House by making a gift in any amount to the House and mailing it to: 663 Main Street, Agawam, MA, 01001.

Robert A. LaRochelle Enlists In Reserves

Robert A. LaRochelle has enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve and qualifies for an enlistment bonus.

LaRochelle will report to Fort Benning, Georgia on February 26th and attend basic and advanced individual training as an infantryman.

He will be assigned to Company A, 3/35 Infantry Unit in Springfield.

The son of Maria LaRochelle of Agawam and the late Thomas LaRochelle, LaRochelle is a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1991 graduate of Technical Careers Institute, where he studied heating and air conditioning.

Sgt. James Bedrin of the Westfield Army Recruiting Station assisted LaRochelle with his Army Reserve enlistment.

St. David's To Hold Benefit Supper

St. David's Episcopal Church, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring a benefit supper for Mr. Dick Foley to be held at the Italian Sporting Club, 349 Cooper Street, Agawam, on Saturday, March 7th.

Continuous servings of chicken and ziti will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. A donation of \$7.50 for adults, and \$3.75 for children under 12 years, is requested.

Proceeds from the supper will go towards the purchase of a portable wheelchair for Dick, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, and for the eventual renovation of his house to make it fully wheelchair accessible.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Further information about the supper may be obtained by contacting St. David's Church at 786-6133.

21-Plus Club Of F.H. Plans First Outing

The newly formed 21-Plus Club of Feeding Hills Congregational Church will have its initial outing on Saturday evening, February 29th.

The group will go bowling and then return to the church for refreshments and a discussion of future activities and programs.

For more information, call 786-5061.



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THE CAPTAIN CHARLES LEONARD HOUSE, located at 663 Main Street, Agawam Center, is continuing its Friends Campaign during the month of March. The February campaign proved to be another success in 1992 and trustees hope that the community will continue to support Agawam's most historic site.

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Cutting The Cost Of Repairing Your Car

I don't know if it's only me, but it seems that automobile repair costs have increased at an unusual rate over the past few years. Sometimes I'm shocked at seeing what mechanics are earning per hour (I'm not saying that they don't deserve it...it's just that I'm surprised at the rate).

Listed below is an overview of car repairs and how to save money...

Behind the dramatic spiral in car repair costs... the cause is more than the increased prices for parts, which is often given as an excuse by repair personnel.

Reduced car sales have placed pressure on dealers to widen shop profit margins...and the computer-complicated cars are not helping matters, either. Many shops do not know how to fix these high-tech areas...they subcontract the work, then add on their profit.

Pressure from the insurance companies... Some of the increase is a result of pressure the insurance industry is placing on car manufacturers to make accident repairs less expensive...and the insurers are getting such things as two-part doors, which can be repaired in sections, avoiding the charge for a whole new door.

Repair centers and garages are bucking the pressure. They claim that the expensive new equipment they must buy (such as frame straighteners, high-tech equipment, etc.) is boosting their capital costs.

Dealers also claim that warranty and recall repairs are forcing them to do a lot of costly work for nothing.

Target: Labor costs. Shops placed one third of the repair bill on labor 15 years ago...it is now usually two-thirds of the cost.

Nationwide, the average service-shop labor rate is over \$20 per hour...yet dealers in major cities charge \$40 per hour and more...and even small-town dealers charge \$25.

Trick: Shops use flat rate manuals to figure labor charges. The costs are based on expected time for particular repairs...but the job is often done in much less time by the lowest-rated mechanic in the shop. **Trap: No bill adjustment.**

Suggestion: Writing out the specific repair needs ahead of time and giving the list to the service manager (keep a copy for yourself) can help control the bill.

Best: Search out a respected garage run by an independent mechanic or repair organization.

Problem: A new car's warranty may be voided if maintenance and key repairs are not done by the dealer. This is not always true.

Be sure to ask your dealership the specific policy in this area...it can also pay to consult an

Dave's Soda City Now In Springfield



DAVE'S SODA & PET FOOD CITY on Ramah Circle, Agawam, as well as in Amherst, opened its third store, this one in Springfield next to the Big Y. On hand for the recent grand opening ceremonies were, from left - Springfield Mayor Robert Markel, Alison Ratner, Kateri Walsh (Springfield City Council), David Ratner (owner and operator), Laura Walsh, Nick Capaccio (store manager), and Betty McCabe (Springfield Chamber of Commerce).

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

independent and have him write out exactly what the car needs. His \$25 charge may save you hundreds of dollars.

Become a bug on preventative maintenance. There are a growing number of specials around. Example: The promise by a major tire distributor to keep your car's steering aligned, free of charge, through 50,000 miles of new tire use.

Start by buying a car with a good record of repair frequency. Ask for the actual maintenance record when you buy a used car (rental agencies provide them, too).

Learn repair: Adult-education courses are now offered at many high schools and junior colleges. A car owner can at least learn preventative maintenance.

Divide your outlays: Some shops, such as those run by major department stores, often do routine maintenance quickly, and at very reasonable prices. Using them for routine repairs and maintenance leaves only the complicated repairs for the dealer.

Avoid extended warranty contracts: The latest studies show that they are very expensive...they have hidden limits...and labor costs may not be covered adequately. A plan may require you to pay first and be reimbursed later, and it may not cover repairs if you move.

SEE CAR REPAIRS - Page 20...

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**CAR REPAIRS - from Page 19...**

Garage personnel: There are some very fair people in the marketplace...look for them...ask your friends who they can recommend. Build a long-term business relationship with them no different than you do with the other professionals that you use throughout your life (doctor, attorney, taxman, etc.).

Higher-level protest: If you have an unresolved problem, protest directly to the carmaker (though protests should start at the dealership/ground level).

If necessary, contact the local Better Business Bureau, consumer fraud offices, and action-line columnists. Repair garages that wish to stay in business may bow to such pressure.

FREE INFORMATION

*** PLAY IT SAFE: HOW SAFE IS YOUR CHILD'S PLAYGROUND?...** Guidelines to check the safety of playground surfaces, equipment, etc. ... American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, Box 738, Park Ridge IL, 60068, 800-824-BONES. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Free.

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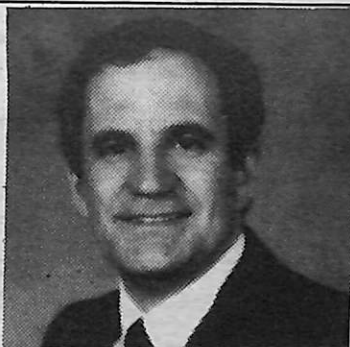
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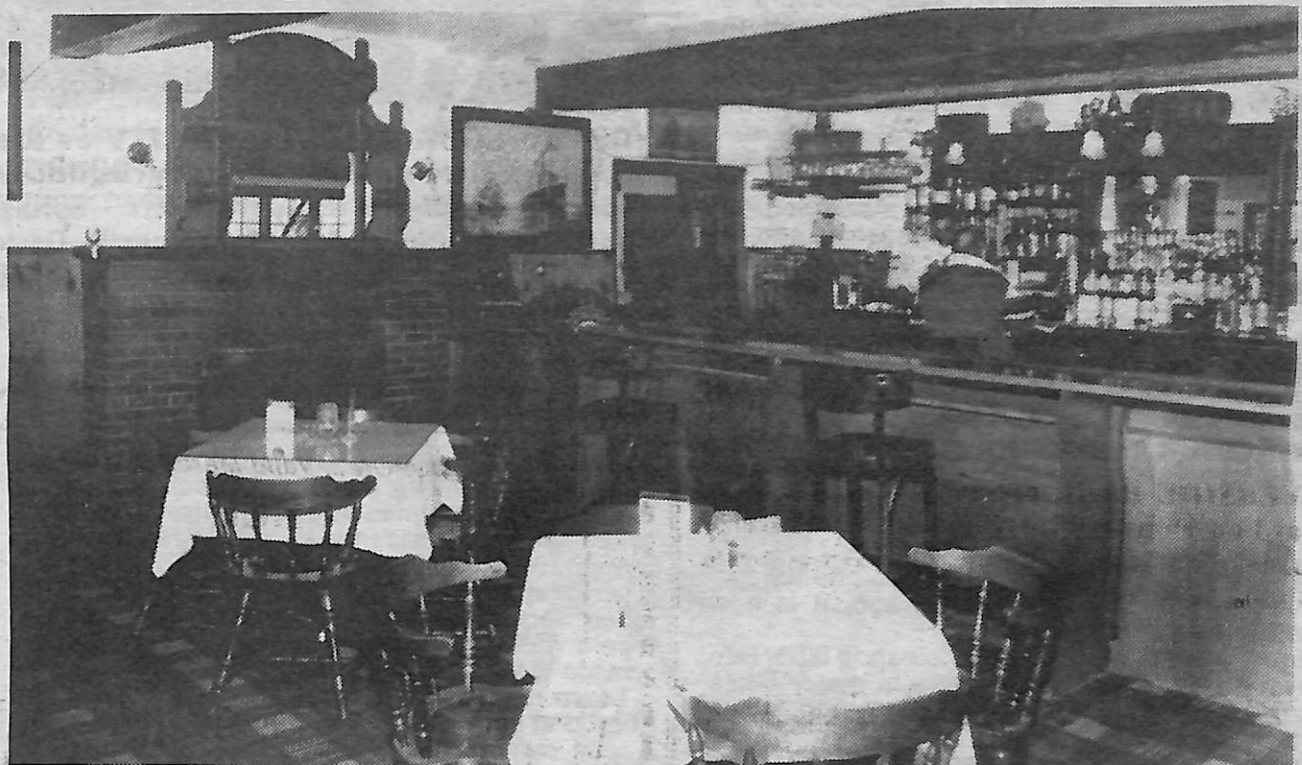
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N.E. Bank Shows Fourth Quarter Profit

Windsor: Olde Windsor Bancorp, Inc., parent company of New England Bank & Trust Company, reported net income of \$55,000 or \$0.04 per share for the fourth quarter of 1991.

This is an increase of \$536,000 from the loss of \$481,000 or \$0.38 per share reported for the fourth quarter of 1990. In the fourth quarter of 1991, the Bank provided \$700,000 to the provision for possible loan losses. The provision for possible loan losses for the fourth quarter of 1990 amounted to \$1,400,000.

While cost reduction and profit improvement measures implemented earlier in 1991 resulted in improved earnings in the fourth quarter of 1991, Olde Windsor had a net loss of \$619,000 for the year.

This loss is largely due to significant additions to the loan loss provision. For the year ended

December 31st, 1991, the provision for loan losses was \$3,400,000 as compared to \$2,150,000 for the same period in 1990.

At year end, the loan loss reserve totalled \$3,442,000.

The Bank's continued commitment to its customers resulted in additional deposits and increased assets in 1991.

For the year ended December 31st, 1991, total deposits increased to \$201,856,000 from \$186,817,000 at December 31st, 1990 and total assets increased to \$214,845,000 at December 31st, 1991 from \$190,306,000 at December 31st, 1990.

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Heart Association Asks Your Support For Research

Each of us is affected by heart disease in one way or another.

The battle against this country's number one killer affects us all, and for this reason, the American Heart Association (AHA) wants you, your relatives and co-workers in the fight.

In a two-week blitz called "Operation Grow Again," volunteers of the American Heart Association's Greater Springfield branch will be calling on friends, associates, relatives, and key public leaders. Each will be asked to support vital cardiovascular research and promote professional education programs by participating in exciting activities and special events throughout Hampden County area.

"The American Heart Association's mission—to reduce disability and death from heart diseases and stroke—is carried out through the dedication of our talented and giving volunteers," said John Lake, Chairperson of the Greater Springfield branch.

Those who truly want to make a difference in their quality of life and that of generations to come, may volunteer to join the American Heart Association's Greater Springfield branch by calling 532-0400.

Weight Loss Program At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital will offer a 12-week community education program on losing and maintaining weight. The course begins on Monday, March 2nd and will be held every Monday evening through June 1st in the Education Center at Noble Hospital.

The course is offered at 5:00 p.m.

The course offers a nutritionally and medically sound means of losing and maintaining weight and has been taught at Noble for the past six years. The program focuses on limiting food intake without deprivation and developing lifelong healthy eating habits.

The course is compatible with medical conditions such as heart disease and diabetes. Individual needs and preferences of each participant are considered in order to personalize the weight loss program.

Joseph Barako, R.N., Director of Education at Noble Hospital, will instruct the course. The course fee is \$100.

Details of the course are covered in the first session. Pre-registration is not necessary.

For more information, contact the Education Department at (413) 568-2811, ext 529.

Tape On Optimism Offered By Dr. Sobel

Dr. Steve Sobel, one of the top motivational speakers/humorists in the United States and one of *The Agawam Advertiser News*' long-time writers, released the following announcement this week:

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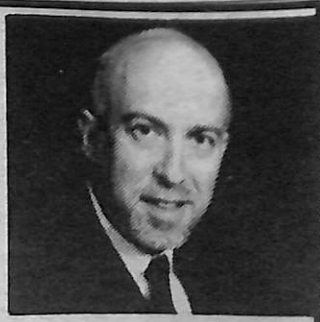
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Managing YOUR STRESS

by Dr. Stephen Sobel
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You Need To Celebrate Your "Small" Successes!

QUESTION: Dear Dr. Sobel—I am constantly overwhelmed by all the things I have to get done at home and at work. I feel this pressure so much that I even have a tough time sleeping at night. Any advice? In despair - T.M., Feeding Hills, MA

COMMENT: There is no doubt that most of us have a large number of things "that have to get done." There is also very little doubt that many people have an "all or nothing attitude"—meaning that they feel if they don't get **everything** completed, then they feel it is almost as if they did nothing!

This type of "stinkin thinkin" will create large amounts of self-exerted pressure and stress. It is far better to do tasks with the idea that you will do each one to the best of your ability, and whatever isn't completed, you will get done in the near future.

Most of the things you don't complete will seldom lead to emergencies. We create our own worry about this—and remember Mark Twain's quote: "There were many things I worried about, few of which ever happened!"

I also recommend that you take note of the

things you did accomplish, or the helping hand you gave to others. "Celebrate" or really stop and note each of the things you do well—nothing is too small!

This type of approach builds a solid "can-do" attitude and lets you accept yourself as a person who does not have to be perfect or keep in line with the stress-filled and unrealistic expectation that reads "I need to do everything."

Treat yourself to this dose of positive and healthy thinking. You'll feel better, look better, and appreciate the present moment! (And you will also complete more things that matter.)

STRESS CHECK—A special service to AAN readers:

1) **STILL ROOM!** You can attend Dr. Sobel's seminar "The Real Power of Laughter, Humor, and Daily Positive Attitude." Takes place Friday, February 28th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Ramada in West Springfield. Program is approved for 2.4 contact hours for professional groups and the cost is \$19 per person. Call 785-1259 (M-F) to register.

2) **MARCH 4TH, 1992 - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** - "Creating High Self-Esteem For Adults." This seminar costs \$10 per person. Call 785-1259. Seating limited to first 10 people for this small-group, special success seminar. Takes place at Dr. Sobel's offices at 425 Union Street in West Springfield, MA.

3) **Order: Dr. Sobel's New Book—Title "The Good Times Handbook—Your Guide To Positive Living And An Exciting Life."** Cost is only \$10 plus \$2.50 postage/handling. Make check payable to Dr. Sobel; mail to Dr. Steve Sobel, c/o The New England Institute For Stress Management, 425 Union Street, West Springfield, MA, 01089. Limited time, special price offer! (Massachusetts residents are asked to please add 5% sales tax.)

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Keeping Food Safe During Power Outage Can Maintain Quality Of Food Items

by Agawam Health Dept.

In the case of a bad storm or appliance failure, the following steps should be taken to keep food safe during power outages when your refrigerator and freezer are not working.

If the outage is expected to be for only a couple of hours, just minimize opening the freezer and refrigerator door. A fully stocked freezer will usually keep food frozen up to two days. A half full freezer will keep foods frozen up to one day if the door is not opened.

If the freezer is not full, quickly group packages together so they will retain the cold more effectively. Separate raw meat and poultry from other foods so as to prevent their juices from contaminating other food items during the thawing process.

Food in the refrigerator will usually keep for four to six hours. If the power will be out for a longer time, block ice may be placed in the refrigerator.

When power is restored, use the following guidelines to determine what foods can be kept and what foods should be thrown out.

Freezer Unit:

If ice crystals are still visible or food feels frozen, it is safe to refreeze. If the food feels thawed, or was held about 40 degrees F. for more than two hours, it should be cooked right away, or be discarded, because bacteria may multiply to unsafe levels under these conditions.

The only foods that can be refrozen are well wrapped hard cheeses, butter and margarine, breads, pastries without custard fillings, fruits and vegetables.

Refrigerator Unit:

Fresh meats, poultry, lunch meats, hot dogs, eggs, milk, soft cheeses and prepared or cooked

foods should be discarded if they have been held above 40 degrees F. for more than one hour.

Fresh fruits and vegetables are safe as long as they are still firm and there is no evidence of mold or sliminess.

Juices, open containers of vinegar and oil salad dressings, ketchup, pickles, butter and margarine, jams, well wrapped cheeses are safe to keep as long as they look and smell acceptable.

To remove spills and odors from your refrigerator and freezer, wash it with a solution of 2 tablespoons of baking soda dissolved in one quart of warm water. To absorb any lingering odors, place an open box of baking soda in the appliance.

If you have any doubt about the quality of any food item, throw it out.

Noble Hospital Has Childbirth Classes

Noble Hospital will offer a six week course on childbirth for expectant parents beginning March 3rd through April 7th. The six week course provides an overview of the natural method of childbirth.

Topics include relaxation and physical conditioning exercises; breathing techniques; and the physical and emotional aspects of pregnancy, labor, delivery and the post-partum period. Particular attention is given to the coach's role.

Childbirth classes are offered throughout the year at Noble Hospital's Education Center, adjacent to the hospital on Mill Street. The next class will begin on March 3rd and run through April 7th.

The class is held Tuesday evenings from 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The class fee is \$60 per couple.

A breast feeding class will be held on April 21st; bottle-feeding on April 28th. An additional \$10 fee is charged.

For more information or to register, call the Education Department at (413) 568-2811, ext. 421.

CPR Classes At Ag. Police Station

A class in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) will be held on March 3rd and 6th from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Department building, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Rescue breathing, conscious and unconscious choking, and CPR for infants, children, and adults will be covered during the two-night class. Course material is geared for both the semi-professional and general public rescuer.

The AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION certification issued through this course will meet many job requirements, such as those for day care providers, babysitters, or lifeguards. This course meets O.S.H.A. regulations as well.

The cost of \$32 will cover all course materials, mannequin use, books, and cards. Call 786-5912 to register, or for further information.

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6:45 - 9pm \$60.00
- **Forgetting Cigarettes with Hypnotism**
Three session class beginning March 12, 7:00pm \$40.00
- **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)**
Two session certification course.
March 18 & March 25th, 6:30 - 9pm \$30.00

For more information, call the Education Department at Noble Hospital,
568-2811, ext. 529

Support Groups

- **Stroke Support Group**
Meets in the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room.
Next meetings: February 24, 2:30; March 7, 10:30; March 16, 2:30
- **Crohn's and Colitis Support Group**
Meets monthly in the auditorium. Next meetings: February 25, 7pm;
March 24, 7pm.
- **Diabetes Support Group**
Meets the third Thursday of each month at 10am in the auditorium.
Next meeting: March 19.
- **Cancer Support Group**
For people with cancer and their support persons. Meets the third Thursday
of each month at 7:30pm in the auditorium. Next meeting: March 19.

Noble Hospital Support Groups are free and open to the public. For more
information, call Noble's HealthBeat, 568-BEAT.

** The Bronson Rehabilitation Center offers:

"Families Meeting the Challenge of Caregiving"

A free series devoted to helping families care for the frail, elderly and disabled while pursuing careers, maintaining relationships and managing their home. Four consecutive Thursday evening sessions from 7pm to 9:30pm in the Bronson Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

For topics or information, call 568-2811, ext. 466.

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Arts

Suffield Players Strike Gold In Ole England With *Dark Lady*

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Elizabethan England—a time of royalty, romance and the rich writings of Shakespeare...

The Suffield Players captured it all in their newest production, *Dark Lady*. This Karen Sunde play is directed with a near-perfect hand by Lyle Pearsons, who manages to pull the best from his players, technical crew and support staff.

Dark Lady tells the tale of love won and love lost, a story of a tempestuous, passionate love affair between Emilia Bassano (Margie Secora) and William Shakespeare (Konrad Rogowski). Bassano is the "dark lady" haunting Shakespeare's famed sonnets.

Bassano, the pregnant mistress of Lord Hunsdon (Paul Gessay), first encounters the Bard at a Venetian ball; one of many ladies dancing and peering at potential suitors from behind elegant masks of feathers, laces, leather or beadwork.

Shakespeare is captivated by her smile, but doesn't meet the madame until some time later, in England, as he and his friend Richard Burbage (Allen Nott) come to Lord Hunsdon's in search of a backer for the Bard's troupe of players.

Smitten, he tries time and again to pay her court, finally sending another friend, the Earl of Southampton (Ed Gogulski), to intercede—a task that turns into a seduction of its own.

But never fear, Shakespeare does win his lady, sharing secret hours in her chambers and while sheltered in an old church as the plague sweeps through London's streets.

Secora offers a performance bordering on the risqué, and is seductively feminine with a blend of gamine and a twist of vamp. Her often calculated seductions are deliciously witty, often steamy and totally delightful.

Rogowski as Shakespeare is perfectly cast,



ALLEN NOTT, PAUL GESSAY, MARGIE SECORA, and KONRAD ROGOWSKI in a scene from *Dark Lady*, now being staged by the Suffield Players.

playing the less-than-honorable and perpetually womanizing playwright with zest and vigor and not a little charm. At the time of this play, he's struggling to put the pieces of a play together...a little work he tentatively calls "A Midsummer Night..." He remains first, last, and always a playwright in search of a patron.

Pearsons and his crew used stone-finished props donated by UConn several years ago to transform the expanded stage into the stone

walls, arches and dungeons of England's castles, churches and city streets, as well as a candlelit Venetian ballroom and milady's boudoir.

The players move among four curved stone arches, at times falling onto ornate furnishings, at others imbibing ale over wooden tables in a tavern.

SEE DARK LADY - Page 25...

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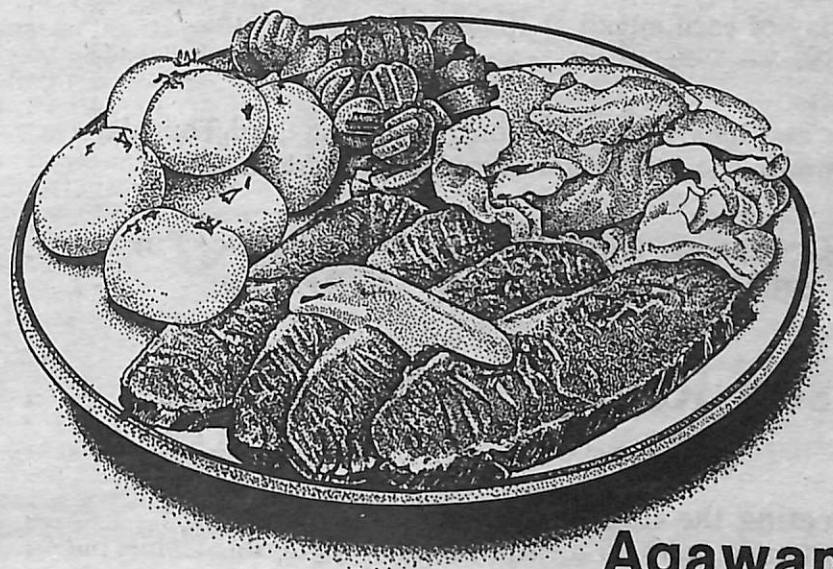


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Radio Swing Orchestra To Perform In Town For "First Friday"

The Agawam Arts & Humanities Council will be having the Radio Swing Orchestra for the March First Friday Series.

The band will be performing at the Agawam Junior High School on Friday, March 6th at 7:30 p.m.

The Radio Swing Orchestra has been active in Massachusetts, Vermont, and Connecticut since its formation in 1984. All members of the Swing Orchestra have been classically trained in various colleges in the area and most have performed together in different jazz and classical settings since 1974.

The Radio Swing Orchestra was formed to explore and promote the music of the Big Band Era, featuring Glen Miller, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, the Dorsey Brothers, and Benny Goodman. The band also maintains for special functions, an R & B library from the 50's and 60's.

The Swing Orchestra is a nine piece group, featuring a brass, reed, and rhythm sections. The members hail from all parts of Massachusetts.

On brass, there is Tom Greenwood, Shawn Devlin and Mike Abert. The rhythm section features James Robinson, Dennis LeBeau and Robert Pierce.

This performance is free to the public.

Funding for this program is from the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council through a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

The April First Friday Series will be featuring Kay Nichols, Curator of Education at the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum.

BIRTHDAY ADS are \$25 with picture; \$15 for smaller ad without picture. Deadline is Tues. noon.

Springfield Symphony To Present Noted Violinist At March 7th Performance

The *New York Times* has described violinist Dong-Suk Kang as "an artist of unusual accomplishment." Mr. Kang will join Maestro Raymond Harvey and the Springfield Symphony Orchestra for a Great Performers concert at Springfield Symphony Hall on Saturday, March 7th at 8:00 p.m.

The program will include Prokofiev's Classical Symphony, DeFalla's *Three Cornered Hat* Suite No. 1, Beethoven's *Symphony No. 8*, and Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto* played by Mr. Kang.

A free Words on Music will be held at Old First Church in Court Square at 7:00 p.m. This program is sponsored in part by Brennan College Service.

Born in Korea, Dong-Suk Kang came to New York in 1967 to study at the Juilliard School. He first gained recognition in 1971 when he won the San Francisco Symphony Foundation Competition and the Merriweather Post Competition in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Kang has appeared with numerous premier orchestras worldwide, such as the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Munich Philharmonic and the London Philharmonic. He has performed in televised concerts with the Seoul National Symphony and the BBC Welsh Symphony, and participated in festivals around the world.

Mr. Kang has an extensive recital schedule and numerous recordings for major labels.

The evening's program contains uplifting selections from four great composers. The opening work, Prokofiev's *Classical Symphony*, begins with

an energetic first movement and concludes with a vigorous finale.

DeFalla's *Three-Cornered Hat* Suite tells the humorous story of a miller's wife who gains the attention of an arrogant judge. Soloist Dong-Suk Kang will perform Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto*, then the program will conclude with Beethoven's *Symphony No. 8*.

Despite poor health and family problems, Beethoven was able to make the 8th Symphony one of his most lighthearted and joyful works.

A pre-concert Words on Music talk will be offered free to all ticket-holders at 7:00 p.m. in Old First Church, just across Court Square from Symphony Hall. Maestro Harvey will give an enjoyable presentation with tales of the life and time of the composers, background on the works, and musical highlights of the evening's program.

Tickets for the March 7th Great Performers concert range in price from \$5 to \$29, and are on sale now at the Springfield Symphony Box Office located on the mezzanine level of Baystate West.

Tickets may be charged by phone at (413) 733-2291, and selected seats are also available at local TicketMaster outlets, including G. Fox stores. Group, senior and student discounts are available.

All concerts of the Springfield Symphony are funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Business Friends of the Arts.

SUFFIELD PLAYERS - from Page 24...

Secora and a costume crew including Sue Pearsons and Susan Caplan spent hours researching Elizabethan costuming before creating more than 40 period ensembles including breeches, vests, ornate capes, formal ballgowns and elaborate bedclothes, and the accessories and undergarments to pull the look together.

The play is slightly cumbersome in its opening scenes, due in part to the number of players on stage, the sheer volume of their costumes and

gowns, and the breadth of their movements in period dance.

But it falls into place soon after, with the best scenes involving by-play between Shakespeare, the Earl and Richard over tankards of brew; the Bard's romantic encounters with Bassano; and the arrival of Bassano by boat through London's foggy, plague-infested streets...

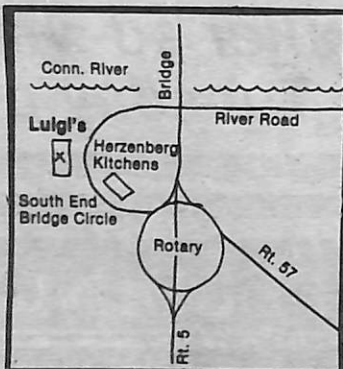
With expected professionalism, Lyle Pearsons and the Suffield Players have created a wonderfully witty presentation that should delight all viewers. The play runs through March 7th.

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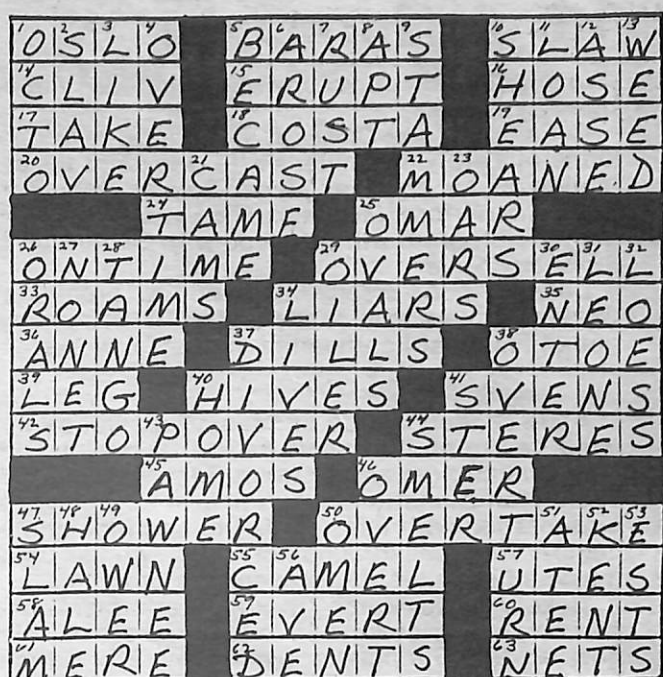


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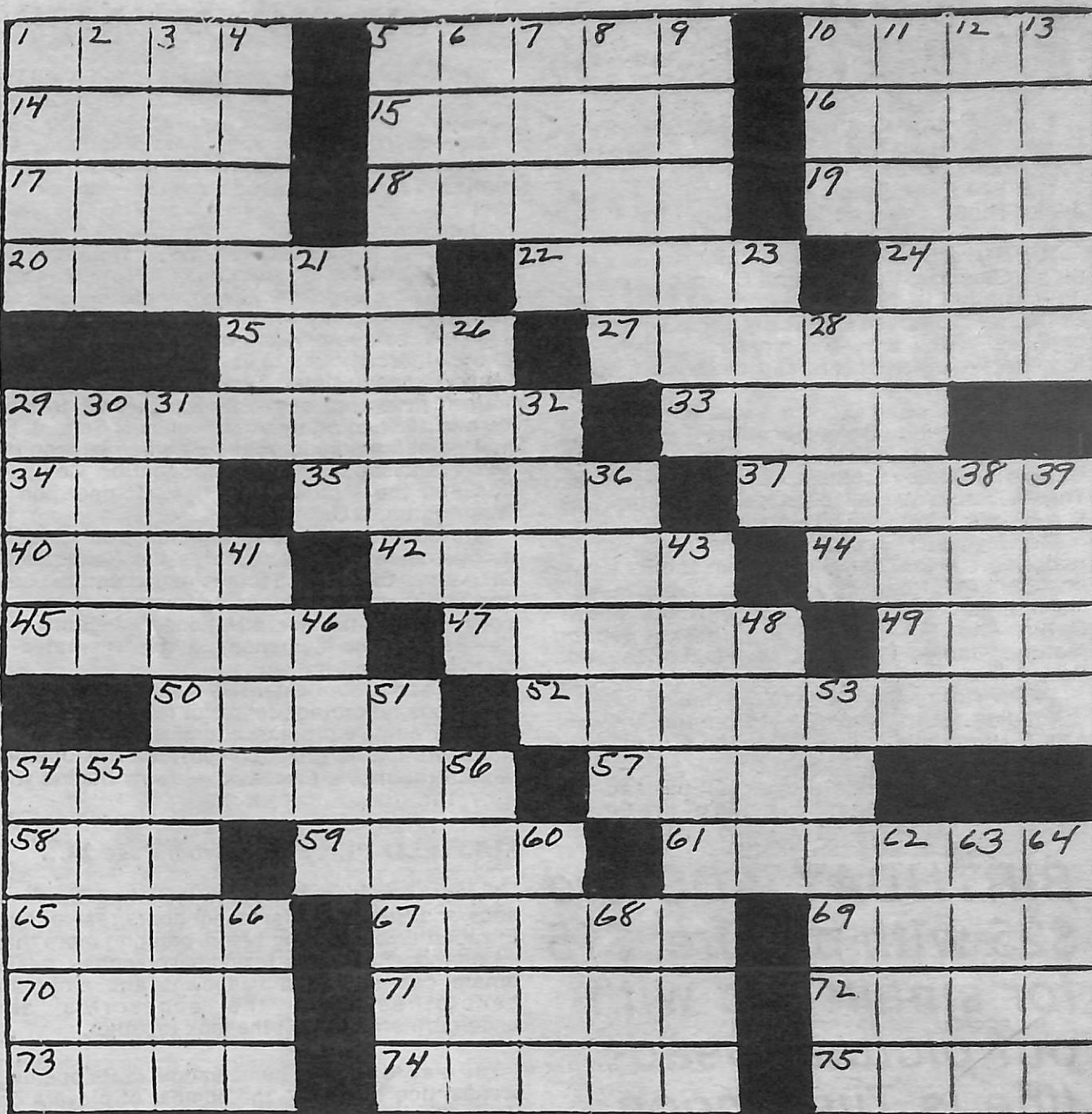
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Sea Marks Receives Best Marks Of Season At StageWest; Wit, Wisdom, Charm Abounds

by Christine Plesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Sea Marks is perhaps the best offering from StageWest this season—a blend of wit, wisdom and humanity that charms, entertains and leaves the viewer satisfied.

Written by Gardner McKay (whom some of us remember as the star of television's *Adventures In Paradise*, playing Adam Troy), the play gives us another seafaring man: an unpretentious, old-fashioned fisherman, living in solitary contentment in a stone house by the sea. Christopher McHale plays Colm Primrose, and true to his name he is a prim, shy rose yet to be "deflowered" by sexual encounters.

At a village wedding, he meets and becomes enchanted by the lovely Timothea Stiles (Rose Stockton), a working girl from Liverpool who is employed in a publishing house.

More than a year after that first brief meeting, Colm decides to write to her, asking hesitantly if she remembers him. She doesn't, and writes back to tell him so.

In those first scenes, the play shifts from Colm's cottage to Timothea's apartment, a contrast in lifestyles and personal styles—neither of which is enough to hold back burgeoning interest. These scenes are among the play's best (letters written, read aloud with a poetry all their own).

It isn't until a second wedding that they meet again—gentle sparks flying—and Colm opts to return with her to the city for a visit.

Not unlike a fish out of water, Colm is adrift in an urban world totally alien to his life experience, falling into a love affair with Timothea that is peppered with humor, shyness and a poignant sweetness that only comes with first love.

The pattern changes when Timothea presents Colm with a book of excerpts from his letters to her, a book called "Sea Sonnets." With that book the changes begin: Colm lost in the city and looking more to the life left behind, knowing that love isn't enough to sustain him like the sea.

As the story comes full circle, the audience is left with a satisfied sadness and a small burst of sunshine. The letters resume.

McHale, with his tousled mass of curly hair and shaggy good looks, charms his way through this script, making Colm a real, believable and totally likeable character.

His trademark Irish knit 'jersey' (as fisherman sweaters are called) is appropriately oversized and brown from lack of washing. In one delightful scene in Liverpool, Colm unwraps the jersey, fresh from the cleaners, and in amazement says, "It's white!"

Stockton brings the right touch of city savvy and feminine sweetness to her role, creating a perfect foil for her craggy counterpart.

Director Charles Towers moves his players across the set in deft moves, creating feelings of separateness and distance intrinsic to the play, yet letting the characters reach out and touch each other from across the room or from another country.

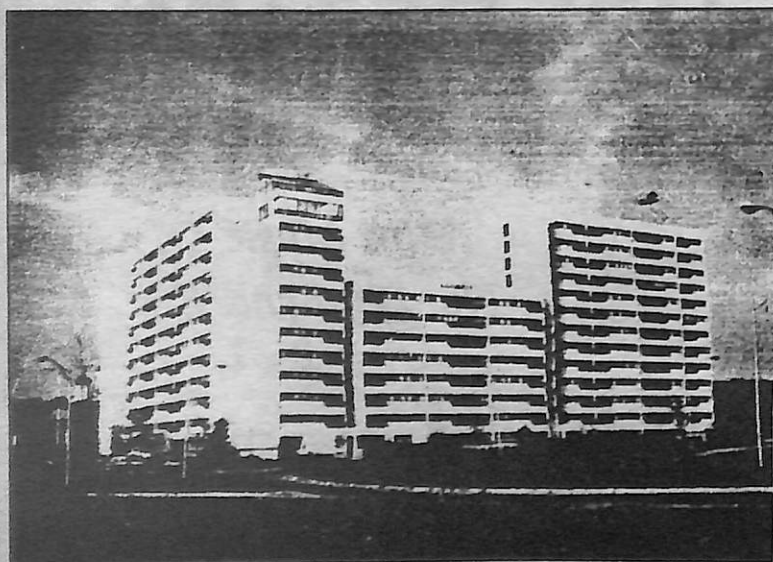
The set design by Peter Kallok is also worthy of note, capturing the essence of both characters in the amenities (or lack thereof) and the personal effects of both.

Sea Marks are the marks left by the high tide, a high water mark. For StageWest, *Sea Marks* is this year's high point.



CHRISTOPHER MCHALE and ROSE STOCKTON in *Sea Marks*, now playing at StageWest through March 15th.

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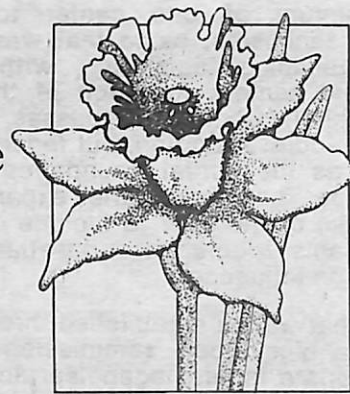
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Fish & Wildlife Along Connecticut River To Receive Refuge

by Robert D. Chadbourne
Advertiser News Contributing Writer

With a stroke of a pen, President George Bush greatly enhanced his environmental posture by signing a bill creating a fish and wildlife refuge addressing the 407-mile U.S. length of the Connecticut River.

"The Green Necklace," as the late Congressman Silvio Conte (Republican-Massachusetts) dubbed the river when he successfully pushed over \$5 million through the House Appropriations Committee for a "wet lab" for study of anadromous fish at the Turners Falls, MA dam, will be furthered supported by the Conte National Fish & Wildlife Refuge, created by the President on December 12th.

"Today we have begun to fulfill a dream of Silvio's, to restore the river to its former beauty and health," said Congressman John Olver (D-MA), Conte's successor in Congress, of the legislation, explaining the opportunity for people of all walks of life to become involved through education centers to be created along the route.

Actually, the initial planning envisions a minimum of one center to be located in Massachusetts, since that was the base of the establishing legislation, with hopefully, additional centers for each of the states through which the Connecticut passes. The legislation did not address funding, but federal money is hoped for as the actual boundaries of the plan take shape. Those boundaries expand inward from the banks of the river to include impact involved in streams, tributaries and wetlands as far as they are an influence.

That will be established through the formation of a blue-ribbon commission made up of appropriate federal agencies plus two appointees from each governor. That body will hear from various technical advisors plus hold public hearings. Timetable for hard and fast action, and hopefully an economy capable of freeing up some funds: 18 months to two years.

Project manager for the Conte National Fish & Wildlife Refuge is Larry Bandolin, of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, who called Conte "a visionary," and listed the Atlantic salmon, American shad, the osprey, river herring, and black ducks, along with the peregrine falcon, shortnosed sturgeon, and bald eagle as species sure to be preservation targets.

Bandolin told local press following the signing, that only one similar river refuge exists in the U.S., that in an area along the upper Mississippi River.

Part of the work is done or underway. A leading problem well identified is the combined overflow systems that feed runoff and sewage into the river.

The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission has completed a study that examines the river from Holyoke south, and gives it a grade of "Class C or worse, requiring \$360 - \$400 million to separate sewer and storm lines," in the words of Timothy W. Brennan, executive director.



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Agawam
by Edith LaFrancis
Town Historian

THE LIBRARIES Mrs. Minerva Davis

(Fifth Article In Series)

A library building and a \$25,000 endowment were offered to the town as a gift by Mrs. Minerva Porter Davis, providing the townspeople would raise an additional endowment of \$10,000 for a permanent fund.

As a result of the offer, a public meeting was held July 25th, 1923 in the Agawam Town Hall, to form a corporation to be known as the "Agawam Center Library Association," for the purpose of assisting, benefitting, fostering and maintaining a public library.

This association was duly incorporated and \$7,888.24 was pledged toward the necessary fund. Signers of the act of incorporation were Caroline Hayward, Minerva Davis, Edna Doane, Monroe Hayward, Charles Hastings, Fred Worthington, James Hanchett, Henry Bodurtha, Willard Crouss, Maud Johnson, Herman Rouillard, Sophia Worthington, Paul Johnson, F.W. Doane and Mabel Hanchett.

Under the conditions of this gift, the building was to be called the "Agawam Public Library." It was to be open at least two afternoons and one or two evenings each week, preferably under the supervision of a trained librarian.

The endowment was to be placed in the custody of a Trust Company, which would invest and re-invest the principal. The income from this was to be paid at suitable intervals to the town treasurer who, in turn, paid it to the trustees of the association, to be administered by them for the benefit of the library.



AGAWAM SOCIALITE and civic leader Mrs. Minerva Davis.

In 1925, the building was finished and accepted by the town, together with the endowment. Dedication was held in June on the lawn of the Congregational Church with Selectman James Hanchett presiding. The program at the dedication included music by the High School orchestra, solos by Gladys Pond and David Powers, history by Rev. John Dutton, a financial statement by Paul Johnson, an address by Professor Dixon Fox of Columbia and a response by Giles Halladay, with refreshments and inspection of the building following.

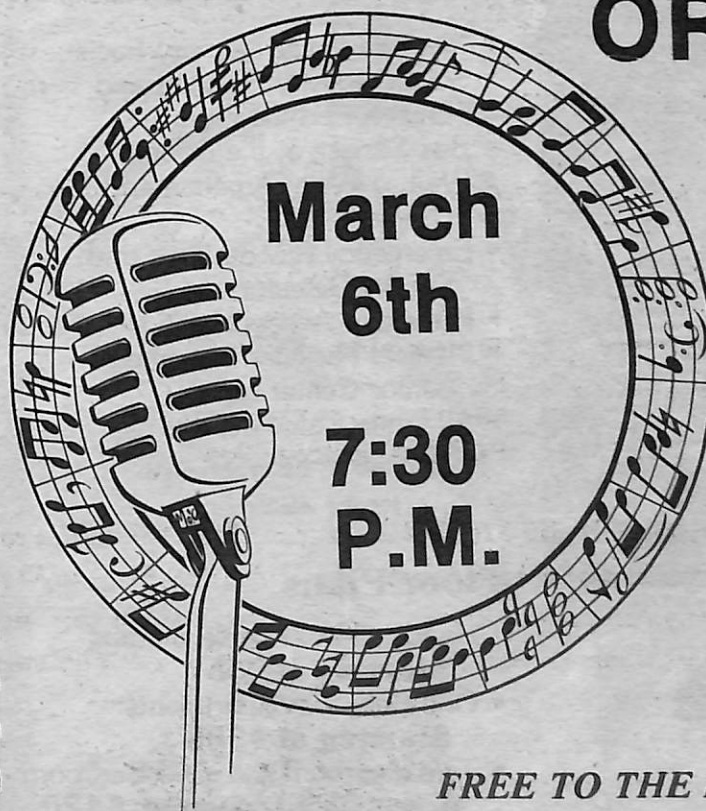
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AGAWAM REPERTORY THEATRE, with its new home at Valley Community Church, Feeding Hills, is in full rehearsal for the upcoming spring comedy, *Move Over, Mrs. Markham*. The play will run March 27th, 28th, and April 2nd, 3rd, & 4th. PICTURED IN PHOTO LEFT are Bob Sands, Laura Lezon-Scantlen, and Alan Morse; IN PHOTO RIGHT, David Laciniski, Robert Currie, and Sheryl Stanzak. For tickets, call 789-9687.

Society Of 17th Century At Ag. Baptist Church For "Leap Year" Celebration Banquet

The Society of the 17th Century announces that a Leap Year Celebration Banquet—Authentic 17th Century Meal will be held on Saturday, February 29th, at 6:00 p.m. in Bodurtha Hall of Agawam First Baptist Church.

Once every four years since 45 B.C. and the initiation of the Julian calendar, there has been a February 29th. Certainly an event of such longevity deserves special recognition. Thus, the members of the Society of the 17th Century have chosen to mark the day with a celebration with historic overtones.

This Leap Year banquet will present a meal featuring recipes familiar to New England colonists during the 1600's to appeal to 20th century palates. It is indeed true that many of the dishes utilized at everyday meals seem bland by today's standards.

However, many memorable meals have been

recorded that were both tasteful and interesting—especially those served for guests. From this latter group, the 1992 Leap Year Bill of Fare has been developed.

The meal will be presented in 17th century style by Society members appropriately clothed for the occasion. The banquet hall will be traditionally decorated, and as each of at least five courses is brought forward, it will be announced and described as to name and content.

The public is invited to join the celebration (\$15 per person). Reservations may be made by calling June Cook at 736-6822. All profits will be applied to funding the group's ongoing educational programs, including bimonthly lecture meetings which are offered free of charge to the public.

The Society of the 17th Century was founded in 1984 with a goal of promoting interest in the peo-

ple and accomplishments during the period prior to 1700 and to honor the tenacity, courage, and devotion of our early settlers as they established the roots of American history.

Members take part in ongoing research, reproduction of tools, equipment, clothing, crafts, housing, etc. They hold regular meetings of various special interest study groups such as the "Goodwives" and the "Hampshire Regiment."

Educational programs include historic reenactments, lectures, school presentations, and public meetings with knowledgeable speakers and/or demonstrations. Classes and workshops are offered throughout the year, and a quarterly newsletter is sent to all members.

Those with an interest in this period of American history are invited to join the membership. For additional information, contact June Cook, 736-6822, or Donald Dupuis, 532-2523.

The sculpture "Water" will be made possible with the generosity of the citizens of Agawam, and the support of the following major contributors:

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The Anne Sullivan Memorial Committee is still \$10,000 short of the \$52,000 needed to bring Mico Kaufman's sculpture "Water" to Feeding Hills. We are planning a bronze plaque which will be placed near the sculpture to thank contributors of \$750 or more. To join the major contributors listed above and on the plaque, a contribution of \$750 or more is needed to memorialize a loved one. If you'd like to make a contribution, please contact any committee member. Massachusetts 01030 or you can contact our chair, your continued support can we raise the funds.



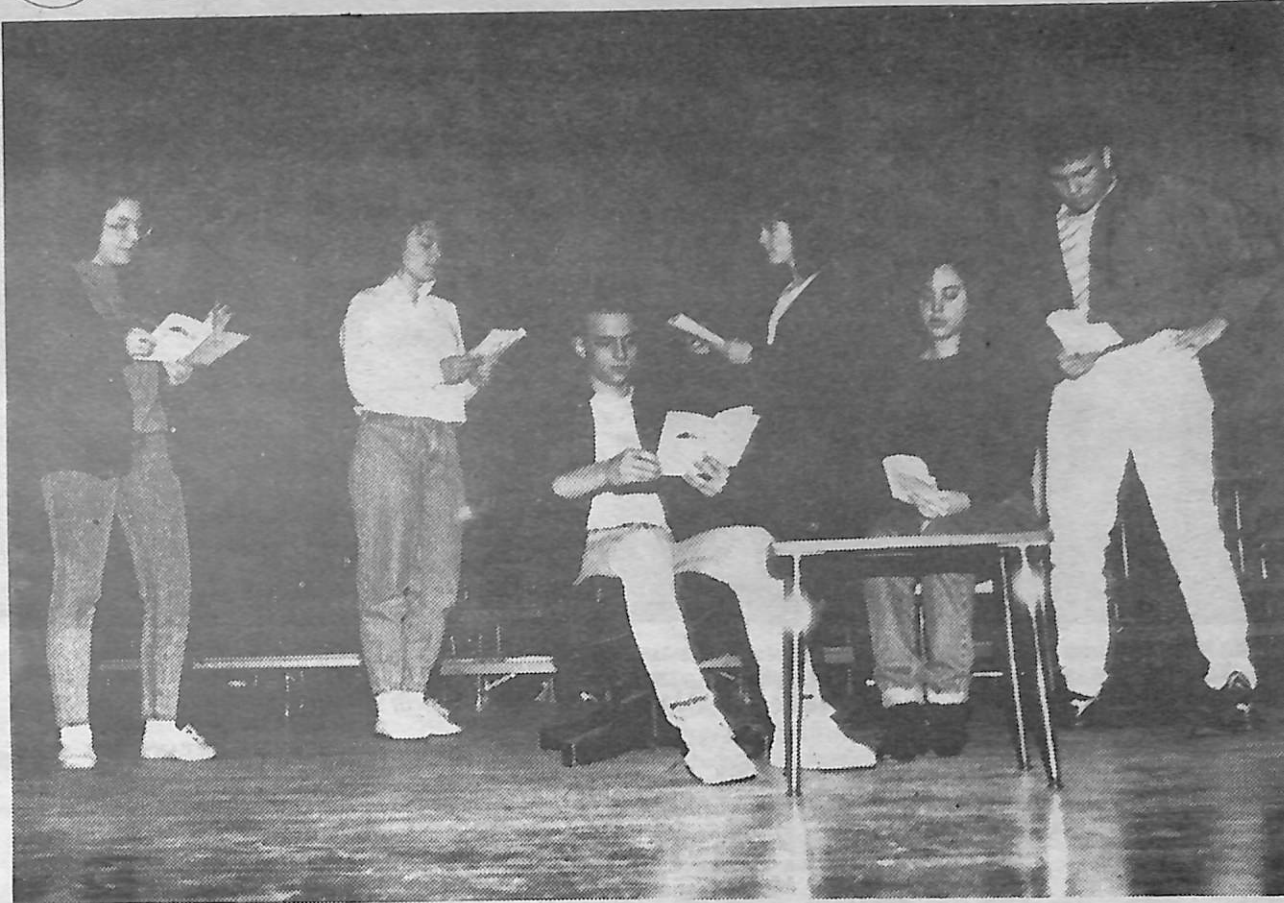
ed. This plaque will also be a unique and special way to tribulation (large or small) or get involved with our Our address is Post Office Box 537, Feeding Hills, man, Marilyn Curry at 786-1452. Only with needed to bring "Water" home to Feeding Hills.

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A SCENE FROM *ANNE OF GREEN GABLES* is being rehearsed by Agawam High Theatre students. From left - Cynthia Jabry, Joy Conte, Tom Wlaschiha, Leslie Gorman, Shannon Scarlett, and Tony Cirillo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CAST MEMBERS OF *Anne of Green Gables* are pictured at a recent rehearsal. The play opens March 5th at Agawam High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Anne Of Green Gables Is Set To Open At AHS On March 5th

by Irls Copson
School Dept. Editor

L.M. Montgomery's "*Anne of Green Gables*" will take audiences on a journey of the heart as Agawam High faculty member Margo Poulin and her theatre group perform the play version that was dramatized by Joseph Robinette.

On Thursday, March 5th and Friday, March 6th, at 7:30 p.m., Agawam High School's stage will come alive with the characters and imagination of a bright young cast. Tickets are \$3 in advance for adults, \$2 for students, and \$4 at the door.

Leslie Gorman will play the wistful orphan Anne Shirley, who longs for a home of her own. Through a mistake at the orphanage, Anne finds herself at the lovely, rolling farmland of Green Gables (the home of the Cuthberts).

Tom Wlaschiha portrays Matthew Cuthbert, a quiet and sensitive man, and Shannon Scarlett is his dominant yet loving wife, Marilla Cuthbert. The Cuthberts take in Anne Shirley after immediately being captivated with her. They soon call the "mistake" an act of Providence.

With her intelligence, poetic inspiration, and spunk, Anne captures the hearts of all she meets. The apple tree grove becomes Anne's elegant "White Way of Delight," and Barry's pond is her romantic "Lake of Shining Waters." More importantly, Green Gables becomes Anne's beloved home on Prince Edward Island in Canada.

Sarah McNab (Mrs. Allan) best describes Anne while reciting a line from her shared favorite poet, Robert Browning: "*The good stars met in your horoscope, made you of spirit and fire and dew.*"

"*Anne of Green Gables*" will endear its audience, just as Anne endears herself to the cast of players as we watch her become a young woman of strength and determination. Her passions will leave a warming flame in your heart, adding a spark to the imagination that all things are possible, according to Mrs. Poulin.

Rest Of The Players

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Also, Christian Paluck (Gilbert Blythe), Becky Ella (Miss Susan Stacy), and Christine Hatzipetro (Aunt Josephine Barry).

Appearing in more minor speaking roles are Tony Cirillo (Stationmaster and Jerry Buote), Karen Sexton (Mrs. Blewett), Tracy Bruyette (Mrs. Rogerson), Lana Quintal (Tillie Blounts), Stephanie Mason (Bessie Wright), and Nancy Banzachuk (Mary Jo).

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Ag. Middle School GUIDANCE Report

by Thomas F. Dacey
Middle School Guidance Counselor

The Middle School Guidance Office welcomes the second phase of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program in the fifth grade. This program is presented by Officer Donald Gallerani of the Agawam Police Department.

Officer Gallerani worked with rooms 201, 203, 205, 208, 210, and 212 of the fifth grade during the first half, and is now presenting the program to rooms 202, 204, 206, 207, 211, and 213.

This very successful drug education program provides valuable training in the avoidance of drug and alcohol abuse. In addition, the students are provided with new insights into how to enhance their self-esteem.

The intramural coed pillo-polo competition began at the Middle School on February 24th. Pillo-polo, a type of floor hockey, is played after school in the gym. Competition is between sixth-grade homerooms under the direction of Mr. Emmet Morrill. This winter sport is very popular with the students.

The Middle School counselors wish parents to be aware that special reports for poor academic progress and other problems during the third marking period will be issued on or about March 6th.

Since the end of the school year is not far off, the parents of students who receive these special reports are advised to address any problems immediately. As always, the guidance office welcomes contact with parents at any time.

Teresa Desmarais Named To Assumption Dean's List

Teresa Desmarais, daughter of Maurice and Ruby Desmarais of 476 Franklin Street Ext., Agawam, has been named to the Dean's List at Assumption College in Worcester.

Teresa, a freshman majoring in business, earned a 3.68 grade point average for the Fall semester.

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Stephanie Mason is also serving as stage manager, and Lana Quintal is the play's student director in charge of character study and lines. Nancy Bazanchuk is coordinator of publicity, properties, and costumes.

On Thursday, March 26th, and Friday, March 27th, the theatre class with Mrs. Poulin directing will perform the riveting drama, "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest," written by Ken Kesey. Curtain will be the same time as "Anne of Green Gables" both evenings, and ticket prices will also be the same.

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Non-Users Help Heart Association



MEMBERS OF THE NON-USERS CLUB at the Agawam Junior High School recently participated in the "Jump Rope For Heart" campaign sponsored by the American Heart Association. Students Courtne Hyland and Jason Jean present AHA field rep. Jodd Lever with the donation the students raised by skipping rope. Looking on are Junior High teachers Jim Ryan and Marie Mazza. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Parenting Workshop At Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library will hold a workshop, "Creative Parenting: Fostering High Self-Esteem In Preschoolers" in the Community Room on Thursday, March 12th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The speaker will be Gretchen May, M. Ed., who is an Extension Specialist with the University of Massachusetts Cooperative Extension System. She works primarily in the Pioneer Valley with families, schools and human service agencies on family issues. Her area of specialization is Parenting, and she has been doing programming in that field for over 14 years.

Her recently completed Master's Degree is in Adult Education with emphasis on human development and cultural awareness. In addition to bringing research based information to her workshops, Gretchen adds a "real-life" aspect,

since she has two daughters of her own.

The focus of the workshop will be helping your preschooler feel good about himself or herself. Research has shown that people with high levels of self esteem are less likely to participate in high risk behaviors such as substance abuse, early sexual relationships or school dropout.

This discussion will give parents tips for helping their children develop the skills and self-perceptions needed for high self esteem.

To register for the workshop, call 789-1550 or visit the Agawam Public Library on 750 Cooper Street.

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Johnson Seeking Residents To Serve On Education Trust

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson today announced that he is accepting applications from parents in Agawam interested in serving as members of the board of trustees for the newly-established Instructional Materials Trust Fund.

At last Tuesday evening's Town Council meeting, councilors unanimously approved the establishment of the fund in Agawam. Legislation approved last month by the State Legislature and inked by Governor William Weld allows each community to form this special trust fund and a board of trustees to oversee the fund.

The council also approved a transfer of funds being held by the town treasurer of over \$22,000 to this new trust fund from returned monies to the town from the former principal of the Agawam Junior High School.

Legislation for this trust fund, sponsored by State Rep. Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam), was the brainchild of Feeding Hills resident Thomas Tierney, a parent of school-age children in Agawam who is an elementary school teacher in Connecticut.

Johnson said he will appoint two community parents with children attending the Agawam elementary schools and two parents with children at the secondary levels as trustees.

"People applying for these appointments should be interested in doing fundraising. Initially, that will be the board's objective in order to build on the account's principle balance," said Johnson.

Interested residents should submit their letters to the Mayor's Office at 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

The Mayor hopes to have the board in place and the trust fund in order by the end of March. Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno, Jr., will act as chairman and two School Committee members will also serve on the board of trustees.

The superintendent will appoint two elementary and two secondary grade level teachers, as well as one school administrator from each level.

Ninety percent of the yearly interest accrued by the trust fund will be used to purchase instructional materials for the Agawam Public Schools. The principle balance will continue to grow through the efforts of the board of trustees to raise funds and will remain untouched.

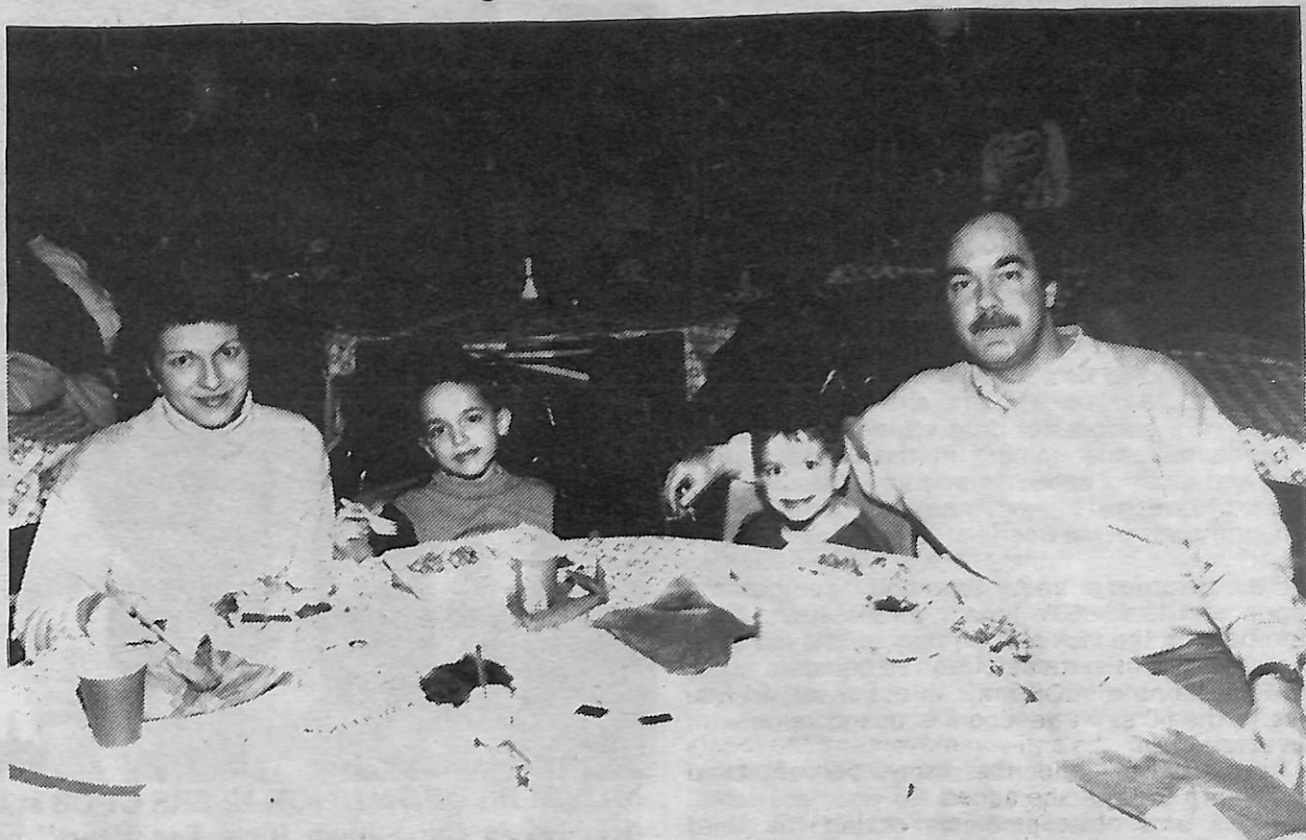
Michelle Elliott Named To AIC Dean's List

Michelle Elliott, a junior at American International College in Springfield, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 1991 term.

At A.I.C., a student must earn a grade point average of 3.0 or higher to receive Dean's List recognition.

Michelle is the daughter of Lee and Dwight Elliott of Agawam. She is an education major and a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School.

Sorel Family Enjoys Granger School Supper



GRANGER SCHOOL held its Annual "Dad's Sweetheart Supper" on Friday, February 14th, at the Junior High. The Sorel family of Feeding Hills were part of the large crowd who attended. From left - Diane, Michael, Brian, and Michael Sorel. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Band-A-Thon To Be Aired On Cable TV

The Agawam High School Band and Colorguard take to the television airwaves on Wednesday, March 4th.

The Town of Agawam will get a first-hand look at the High School Band-a-Thon held recently to raise funding for the purchase of new uniforms. Imagine what 60-plus high school musicians and colorguard members might look like at 3:00 in the morning after playing for over eight hours...tune in and find out.

Through the effort of John Balboni, Ray

Moreau, and Continental Cable, a feature presentation will be aired on March 4th over cable access Channel 33 at 7:00 p.m. Donations will be accepted during the program by calling the numbers to be listed.

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SYMPOSIUM - from Page 1...

This year there will be a new twist to the materials presented to stimulate discussion. Six AHS junior class members (Josh Tudryn, Lisa Messenger, Sandi Angotti, Krysten D'Amato, Dana Fuller, and Steve Lewis) have been asked to act as student facilitators.

Mrs. Poulin asked these students to draft a presentation appropriate for the symposium and they have agreed. In the past, printed material was distributed to participants beforehand to read and analyze.

Sandi Angotti told us the student group is currently preparing to preface a video collage with a narration and possibly include a written sheet of questions to follow the video. She said, "Our focus will be on the education in Agawam."

To build common ground, the group has discussed some of what they, as students, considered to be the "biggest problems" (with education in the Agawam Schools). Sandi said, "We've talked about how there are too many extremes and the need for more moderation. We've thought about how the 1960's have affected us and our parents with the lack of compromise and the irony of two different extremes for everything."

"For example, AIDS may be the result of free love in the 60's. We've also discussed values developed from the anti-war movement, the ideals of civil rights, and the irony behind most everything today," she added.

Lack of Respect For Teachers

Junior Class President Steve Lewis told us, "We've discussed how depressing things have gotten with the lack of respect for teachers and the lack of discipline. There is no respect for parents anymore and we also talked about how the family (unit) has fallen apart. We've had some pretty deep conversations and feel it's really sad that we're losing all our morals, goals, and quality (of life)."

Mrs. Lech says she hopes the symposium can emphasize what the school "can do for the community and what the community can do for the school."

At a recent organizational meeting for this symposium, Morassi said the May 14th date (instead of April) was to include former graduates of AHS who will be returning to town from college or university.

"Agawam is very unique in this respect. No other town that I know of has held a symposium of this nature. We hope this elevates the academic and intellectual level to where it should be in Agawam."

SCHOOL BUDGET - from Page 1...

Voting with Mrs. Pettazoni were Mayor Christopher C. Johnson (chairman), Louise David, and Louis Massoia. Dissenting were Roberta Doering, Linda Galarneau, and Mrs. Kozloski.

Budget Reflects Small Increase

The \$14,439,524 budget for fiscal 1992-93 included a 2.9 percent increase over the fiscal 1991-92 budget. This increase, totaling \$405,524, reflected "increased costs of transportation, tuition, and costs in step raises. There are no provisions in this budget for any (actual) raises. The only provisions in terms of (increased) money are the step raises," Charest told members at the February 11th meeting.

Charest noted this is the fourth consecutive year level funding the budget has been adhered to by the School Department.

He said that 78.2 percent (\$11.2 million) of the total budget is consumed by salaries. This reflects an increase of \$183,939 for teaching step raises. He also stated that 3.3 percent of the requested budget was earmarked for books and supplies.

Charest said a letter sent to local car dealerships requesting a donated new van for the Agawam Schools would accompany the budget this year. He said the existing van needs to be replaced.

Mrs. Kozloski asked that local furniture stores also be solicited in a plea to replace upholstery that is sorely deteriorated in the teachers' room at Agawam High School.



FACILITATORS FOR THE MAY 14th "Superintendent's Symposium" include AHS English Department members Margo Poulin, Attorney Richard Morassi (master of ceremonies), Joanne Brown, Larry O'Brien, and Judi Lech. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JUNIOR CLASS students who will also be facilitators at the upcoming "Superintendent's Symposium" are, from left - Josh Tudryn, Lisa Messenger, Sandi Angotti, Krysten D'Amato, Dana Fuller, and Steve Lewis. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Johnson predicted there will have to be some "major changes in the School Budget this year" under Governor William Weld's current proposal. This requires public schools to "keep the current teacher/pupil ratio, maintain the present instructional standards and current extra-curricular activities, but can mean a loss to Agawam of \$5 million in educational aid," said Johnson.

In addition to the plea for a new van and furniture for the teachers' room at AHS, Charest submitted a list of budget item requests "in addition to the budget for 1993. These items had been suggested during the past year at School Committee

meetings by its members.

These items included part-time coordinator of volunteers, a part-time teacher and supplies for an S.A.T. Prep Course (at AHS), a part-time teacher and supplies for a study skills course (at AHS), a science facilitator for elementary schools, a stipend for "half-time" assistant wrestling coach, and 20 days pay (in August) for the guidance chairman at AHS.

Also, possible relocation expense for a new superintendent of schools, costs to administer grade four achievement tests, and a teacher and supplies for a Foreign Language for Elementary Students (FLES) Program.

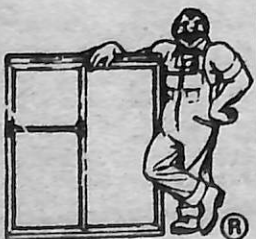
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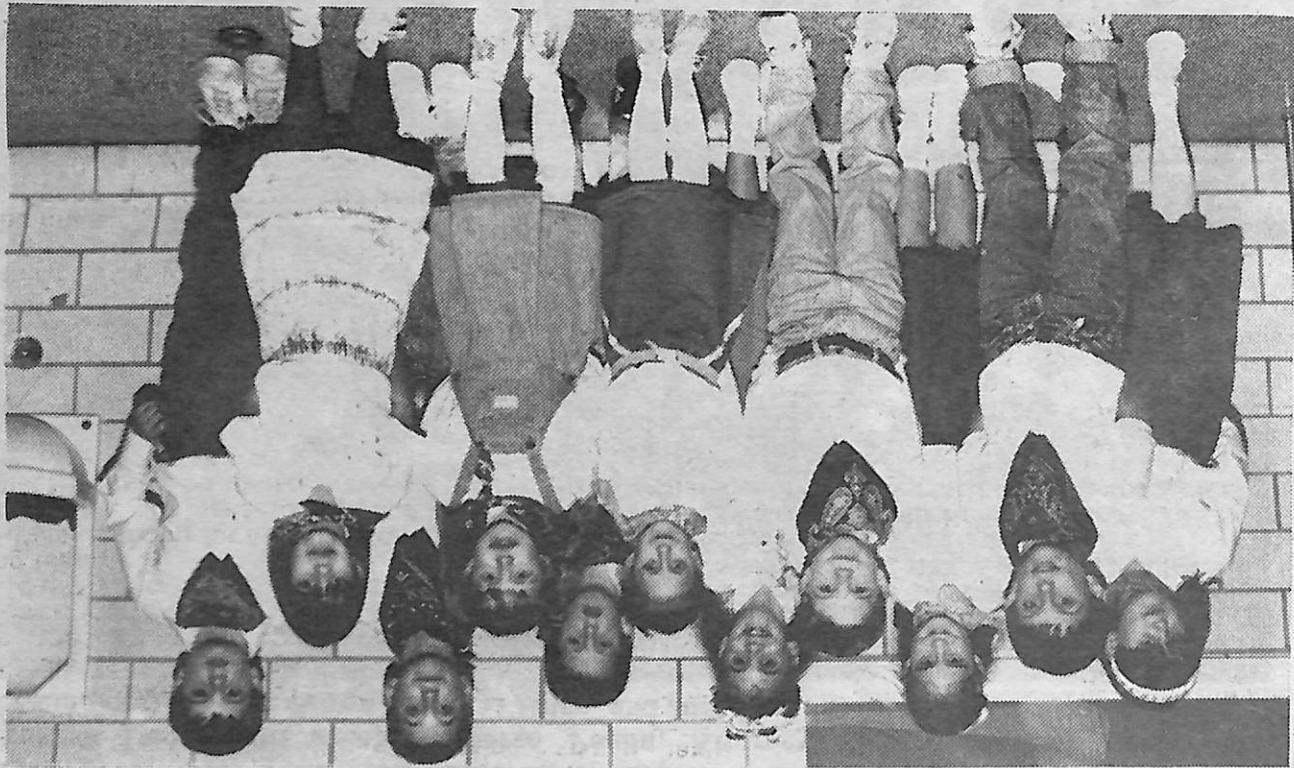
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Elementary Square Dancers At Agawam High



SQUARE DANCERS from Phelps School (above) and James Clark School (below) performed at Agawam High School earlier this month during halftime of an AHS basketball game.



Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Granger School To Participate In Annual "World's Largest Concert" March 5th

Granger School will participate in the 8th Annual World's Largest Concert on Thursday, March 5th, from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. Granger will be joining more than eight million students in this annual celebration of school music, coming straight from Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Springfield's Public Broadcasting Station, TV-57 (WGBY) will air this special celebration of music. This year's concert will focus on a collection of songs reflecting American musical idioms. The concert is part of the month of March being "Music in Our Schools Month," with the theme, "Make Music, America!"

Granger School's fourth graders have been busy learning some of the songs for the World's Largest Concert on a weekly basis since January. In order to participate, the students have learned, under the direction of music teacher Sylvia Starkie, the following songs: "Fifty-Nifty United States," "Simple Gifts," "Cape Cod Shantey," "City Blues," and "Give My Regards To Broadway."

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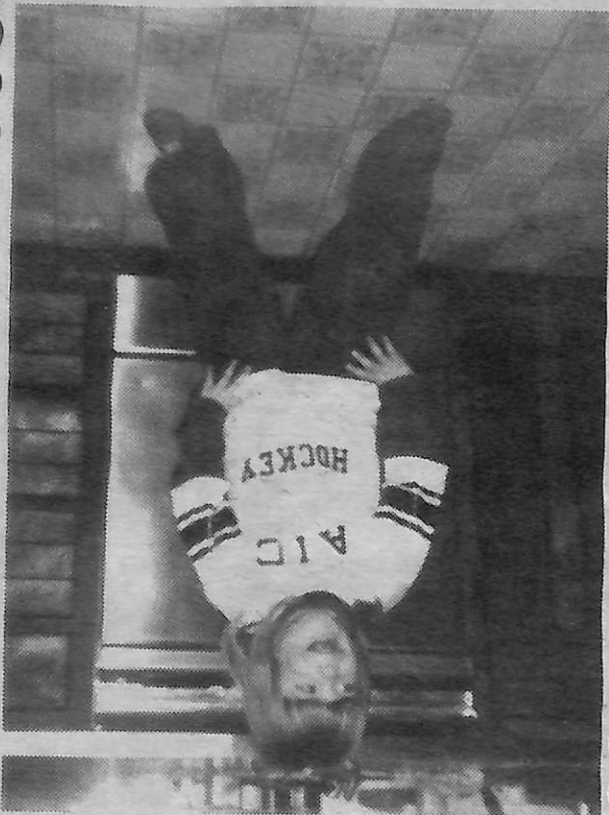
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Sacred Heart AA Needs 16 Year-Olds For League

The Sacred Heart Athletic Association (S.H.A.A.) has announced that it has voted to allow 16 year-old boys to play baseball in its older division. That league will now be 13 to 16 year-old boys.

Also, the Association has heard that many people had forgotten to register during regular sign-ups. No problem! There will be one additional opportunity to sign up at Sacred Heart parish center on Saturday, February 29th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The sign-ups are available to everyone who is eligible to play. HOWEVER, we are especially looking for girls eight to 10 years of age, girls 13 to 16, and boys 13 to 16. With field improvements and other enhancements, this is going to be a great season, so don't miss it!

This positively will be the last open sign-up period. If you can't make sign-ups and want to play, call Andy, 786-8564, or Pat, 786-4108.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, March 2nd: Oven baked chicken nuggets, diced carrots, wheat bread and butter, fresh apple, milk.

Tuesday, March 3rd: Pepperoni pizza, tossed garden salad, chilled pineapple tidbits, milk.

Wednesday, March 4th: Tomato & rice soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, tossed garden salad with creamy dressing, sweet potato spice cake with icing, milk.

Thursday, March 5th: Meatballs with spaghetti sauce, buttered macaroni, seasoned broccoli, Italian bread and butter, peach-fruited orange jello with topping, milk.

Friday, March 6th: Tuna sailboat, oven potato puffs, seasoned mixed vegetables, chocolate brownie, milk.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to the Agawam School Lunch.)



Sports

6th Straight WMass Title...

AHS Matmen Trounce Pretenders To Throne

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

For the third time this season, the Agawam High wrestling team invaded the sleepy town of Ludlow. And, for the third straight time, the Brownies brought their bugle and woke everybody up in town.

The Brownies concluded their trifecta with their best performance of the season. The "Thriving Thirteen" crushed a 10-team field en route to the school's sixth straight Western Mass. Division I Championship.

The Brownies were especially impressive on the heels of rival Springfield Central High snapping their 49-meet winning streak two weeks ago. That ended the regular season with Central as number 1 and AHS as number 2 in the league.

AHS started pounding away at tea time last Friday afternoon and never put down the 10-pound sledge hammer until Nicky Langone grabbed his second straight individual Western Mass. crown at about 8:30 Saturday night.

The issue was never in doubt. The "underdog" Brownies simply whipped the field.

McGregor Got It Going

Stu McGregor got it going with a pin at the one minute mark of his preliminary bout at 152 pounds. From there on, it was a literal sea of orange in a town normally dominated by maroon-clad soccer players.

On Friday, AHS wrestled 16 matches. And what a sweet 16 they were. The Brownies' record over that span was a resounding 15-1, including 12 pins, a major decision, and a technical fall. Twelve of the 13 AHS wrestlers survived the quarterfinals and headed for the semifinals on Saturday.

AHS had an opportunity to score a maximum of 121 points on Friday. The checkpoint was 111.5. That's amazing, folks.

Central High, as expected, was the chief competition last weekend and the Springfield school wrestled well. The Golden Eagles scored 78.5 points on Friday. But by the time the final scoreboard was tallied, AHS led its nemesis by the incredible margin of 59 points. AHS ended with 262.5 points. Central had a more than respectable 203.5, and Pittsfield banged for 156 points, good for third place.

On the subjects of champions, Mike Cooper (130 pounds), Mike DaSilva (171), and Langone (189) all took to the top step of their respective platforms when the hardware was handed out.

The Brownies also had four second place finishers. Shawn Rising (125), Stu McGregor (152), Dave McKay (160), and George Ghareeb (heavyweight) all reached the finals.

That's Not All, Folks

It gets better and better. Four more wrestlers grabbed third place points, including the Brothers Bryant (Matt and Mike), Pat Brown, and Joe Loudfoot. Nathan Wood grabbed fourth place. Those 12 kids will all participate in the State Tournament to be wrestled at Lowell High School on Friday and Saturday.

Vin Petrangelo was the lone Brownie not to get a State Tournament invitation. He finished sixth in the always tough 145 pound bracket. Petrangelo did win two matches along the way and picked up seven big points for his high scoring team.

When looking for highlights of the tournament, one might not have to look much further than Mike Cooper, who just missed out on the "Outstanding Wrestler of the Tournament" trophy.

The little 130-pound crowd pleaser raced through the quarters and semis and was all set for his much ballyhooed match vs. Dmitri Shlemanov of Central. Shlemanov had never been defeated on this continent before (now living in Springfield after coming over from the former Soviet Union), and Cooper turned the trick with a 3-1 victory in the finals.

Cooper and Shlemanov had wrestled to a spine-tling 4-4 draw at Central in that memorable dual meet final on February 12th.

Langone came one step closer to the State Title that so cruelly tempted him a year ago. With four tournament wins (all by pin), the junior flattened Aaron Wagner of Westfield in the finals to move his 1991-92 record to a fancy 28-0-0, with 25 of them coming by fall.

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Brownies Now Target Grabbing 1st Div. I State Wrestling Crown

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High wrestling team will now set its sights on the State Title after successfully defending its Western Mass. Division I crown for the sixth consecutive year in Ludlow last weekend.

The State Title has eluded the Brownies by the slimmest of margins over the past two seasons. It is evident that the team will once again be right in the thick of things this weekend at Lowell High School.

"We have as good a shot this season as we did last year," said a surprisingly reserved Coach Phil Tomkiel. "I think George Ghareeb (second in Western Mass.) could well be the key to the tournament. If he goes after these kids in the heavyweight division, he might be able to determine how far we can get."

Some Power Teams Not Well-Represented

Tomkiel likes his chances with the certainty that he has 12 (out of a possible 13) wrestlers competing for the state's biggest prize. "Some of the power teams of the past are really not represented all that well this year. Lowell and Chelmsford only have three or four kids that qualified (for the state tournament) this year. Randolph (the defending champs) and Billerica will be well-represented and could be big challenges along with Springfield Central," said Tomkiel.

Agawam beat both Randolph and Billerica in dual meets this season. They lost a dual meet to Central ending the regular season that cost the Brownies their much-celebrated 49 match winning streak. However, the Brownies then easily outdistanced the Golden Eagles, 262.5 to 203.5 to again win the Western Mass. Championship.

Of Agawam's three Western Mass., both Nick Langone (189 pounds) and Mike Cooper (130 pounds) are both considered favorites to win state crowns. Mike DaSilva (171 pounds) was seeded fourth in his weight class.

There are four regions represented at each state tournament and the wrestlers are compared on seasonal records, head-to-head competition, past accomplishments, etc. For example, Langone is undefeated this season (28-0-0) and is a returning state runner-up at 171 pounds a year ago. He was awarded the top seed.

The finals will be held at Lowell High School on Saturday night following an afternoon and evening of matches on Friday night.



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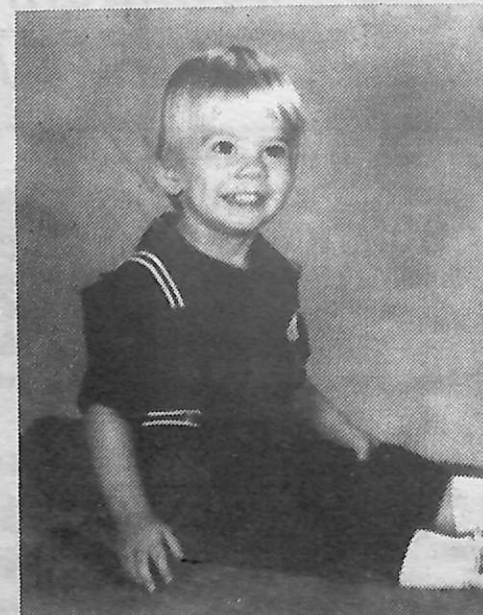


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WRESTLING - from Page 35...

DaSilva was the coup de gras of the tourney. Having pulverized Western Mass. competition most of the season, he slumped near the end and got pinned by both the West Springfield and Central wrestlers in his 171-pound weight class.

Entering the meet as the third seed, DaSilva simply pinned two of three kids and annihilated another (22-7 tech fall) en route to the flag. It was especially gratifying for him when he played Captain Crunch on number one seed Tim Weatherbe of Central for his final Western Mass. dance of the season.

Shawn Rising had a tough tournament and he stepped up and represented himself beautifully. He won a dramatic 7-5 overtime tussle vs. Scott Uhl of Pittsfield in the semifinals and then dropped a heart-wrenching, 2-1 match to defending Western Mass. Champ Mark Pszeniczny in the finals.

McGregor thought the third time might be a charm. But Jim D'Aniello of Pittsfield stopped Stu, 8-6 in overtime in the finals to deny this hard-working senior a chance at his first WM title.

McGregor had dropped a close decision at the Ludlow Tournament to D'Aniello in January. (The AHS coaching staff thought McGregor might have been the victor in that one.) D'Aniello responded to down McGregor soundly in a duel meet in Pittsfield several weeks later.

In the finals of Western Mass., however, both men were on their feet in a 6-6 match with 34 seconds to go in the third period. McGregor nearly got his big prize on a late takedown, but it was a tap too late.

In OT, D'Aniello got the takedown to grab the victory. McGregor started his tournament with two pins and a major decision.

McKay had an unbelievable semifinal match where he won a 15-13 thriller with a fine takedown in OT. That put him in against Mike Collins of Cathedral. McKay and Collins had split during the regular season. But Collins stood taller in the tournament as he pinned McKay at 3:45. The match was tied at 5-5 at the time.

Faced His Arch Rival

George Ghareeb did all the things he intended to do at the tournament until the final bell tolled. He was beaten, 4-2 in the finals by his arch rival, Rob Rivera of Westfield. Ghareeb has pinned two opponents en route to the last dance.

Matt Bryant was Agawam's tournament surprise. He entered the meet with just a 2-0 seasonal record in the ever-tumultuous 103 pound division. Bryant pinned his first opponent and headed for the semifinals where he had to tangle with one of the most experienced wrestlers in the tourney, Mike Brown of Putnam.

In Saturday's morning first match, Bryant extended Brown to overtime before dropping a 7-5 drainer. Bryant came back and pinned everyone in his path to grab third place.

Joey Loudfoot got into Mike Calvanese's bracket again and that spells doom for Agawam's 112 pounder. It's not that Calvanese beats him up; it's just that he *always* beats Loudfoot. For the third straight time, Calvanese dropped Loudfoot by a single point.

This time it was in the semifinals. But Loudfoot wrestled back for third place with a strong showing the rest of the way.

Pat Brown is sure he can beat Rob Gleason of Central at 119 pounds. And, that is the name of that game - confidence. But Gleason caught Brown in the semis with a 5-4 victory. Brown had a takedown at the end of the match that would have given him the win. But it was overruled by the official.

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Frank Bruno & The Harlem Globetrotters

SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE WORLD-FAMOUS Harlem Globetrotters returned to Casa Di Lisa Ristorante last week to enjoy dinner before returning to Hartford for an engagement at the Hartford Civic Center. Casa Di Lisa's Frank Bruno, Jr. (center) cooked a delicious meal for the Globetrotters and joined them for some tableside conversation. RELATED PHOTO ON PAGE 1. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

16 Year-Olds Sought By Sacred Heart AA

The Sacred Heart Athletic Association (S.H.A.A.) has announced that it has voted to allow 16 year-old boys to play baseball in its older division. That league will now be 13 to 16 year-old boys.

Also, the Association has heard that many people had forgotten to register during regular sign-ups. No problem! There will be one additional opportunity to sign up at Sacred Heart parish center on **Saturday, February 29th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

The sign-ups are available to everyone who is eligible to play. **HOWEVER**, we are especially looking for girls eight to 10 years of age, girls 13 to 16, and boys 13 to 16. With field improvements and other enhancements, this is going to be a **great season**, so don't miss it!

This positively will be the last open sign-up period. If you can't make sign-ups and want to play, call Andy, 786-8564, or Pat, 786-4108.

**Happy 70th,
Emile**

AHS Girls Receive 2nd Seed In Div. I Basketball Tourney

by Bob Johnson

Advertiser Sports Editor

Hey, balls might be bouncing for a while around Agawam High this winter. This has a chance to be lots of fun. The schoolboy and schoolgirl seedings were announced last Saturday and the kids and coaches from AHS are happy about where they have landed in those pairings.

The girls' team has to be pleased with the fact that their number two seeding has put them in an opposite bracket from both Amherst (top seed) and Northampton. Both teams beat the Brownies during the regular season. The Brownies ended at 17-3.

A second seed in the girls' Division I tourney has the Brownies on the sidelines until they lace up their sneakers at home for a Friday night, February 28th matchup vs. the winner of Longmeadow-Commerce (played at presstime).

The Brownies bounced the Lancers pretty hard in two meetings during the regular season in Valley Wheel play. AHS did not have to deal with the 11-7 Red Raiders of Commerce this year. Longmeadow is the seventh seed with a 12-8 record. Commerce plays from the 10th seed.

Looking ahead to possible matchups down the line, the Brownies would play the West Springfield-Cathedral winner in the semifinals. Cathedral did take one of two meetings from AHS this winter. If the Brownies take that game, it would be on to the Springfield Civic Center for a date with the Northampton-Amherst winner (assuming both of those teams progress through the pairings as expected).

The top six teams on the girls' side are Amherst, Agawam, West Springfield, Northampton, Pittsfield, and Cathedral.

Boys' Have An Outside Shot

On the boys' side of the ledger, AHS with its 10-10 record and tri-championship in the Valley Wheel (tied with West Side and Chicopee Comp) can inflict some heavy damage in the tourney. The Brownies faced the lowly 4-16 Ludlow Lions on Tuesday night, February 25th (story this edition) for the second time this season. The Brownies pounded Ludlow pretty good in their first regular season game back in mid-December.

Figuring the Brownies get by Ludlow, they will play at Central High School at presstime against seventh seeded Commerce Red Raiders, which will be no easy task. If the Brownies survive this test, they will then play Amherst on Saturday night. AHS lost to the Hurricanes by a single point on a buzzer beater at home last month. Again, another most difficult task at hand but not an impossible one.

For the past two seasons the Brownies have won their opening game in the tournament only to face top seeded and defending champ Central High. The Brownies would not see Central in this tournament unless both reach the finals at the Springfield Civic Center on the first weekend in March.

Ag. Little League Sets Open Meeting March 3

All parents of children/coaches who plan on participating in Agawam Little League baseball in the spring are encouraged to attend an open meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd, at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W., South Street, Agawam.

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2nd Half Collapse Almost Costs AHS Tourney Opener

by Bob Johnson

Advertiser News Sports Editor

It was hard to believe that it was ever going to be close, but a late second-half collapse by the Agawam High Brownies nearly cost them an early exit from the Western Mass Boys' Basketball Tournament.

The Brownies bolted to a 15-0 lead and then held off fast-charging Ludlow by the score of 64-60 in first-round action of the tournament. Agawam (11-10) will now travel to Central High School in Springfield to take on Commerce High School on Thursday night (presstime).

Early in the ballgame, the Brownies could do no wrong. They fastbroke at will, stole the ball often, and hit the cutter on the wing to drive the lead to 15-0 when Joe Gaylor finished his third lane filling layup.

Jason Knowles hit the first Ludlow points of the night with two free throws at 11:36, but Ludlow was already showing some signs of improvement. It wasn't that the Lions were totally inept. Their problem laid squarely with their shooting percentage.

Ludlow often fed the post against Agawam's pressure defense and they got off many open shots from close range. They just picked the wrong night to go ice cold from the field.

Minutes later, Mike Briggs tossed in a three-pointer from the right wing, and Agawam was having all the laughs with a 24-4 lead. It stayed ugly for Ludlow when Agawam's bench troops, led by Keith Hargis and Ben Ferris, came on the scene late in the half and steadied the ship for the ride into intermission.

Brownies Have Big Lead At Halftime

Hargis made some nifty passes and notched a field goal and a free throw, and Ferris ran the point and scooped home two late buckets (including one at the horn), as the Brownies swaggered toward the locker room with their lead at

twenty, 42-22.

Jason Knowles and twin brother Mitchell began a slow, systematic climb back into the thick of things for Ludlow in the second half, as they showed a variety of inside moves along with a nice touch from the outside.

Jason scored 28 points to easily lead all scorers, and Mitchell threw in 14 of his own.

Truth be told, Agawam took lousy care of the rock in the second half. Time after time, rebound outlet passes were thrown away. The biggest problem came when Agawam guards continually threw low passes to cutting big men who were too far from the hoop, and turnovers resulted time after time.

Still, Agawam got just enough offense from Brendon Gallagher and Gaylor to stem the tide. They maintained a 16-point lead as the clock ticked toward the five-minute mark. All seemed safe for the homestanding Brownies.

The Knowles' and John Driscoll led an 8-1 Ludlow run to get the ballgame down to a nine-point affair at 62-53. Tommy Briggs halted the momentum of the visitors as he bagged a deuce, but Ludlow scored the final seven points of the night, including a Jason Knowles trifecta with 25 seconds to go that trimmed the lead to 64-58.

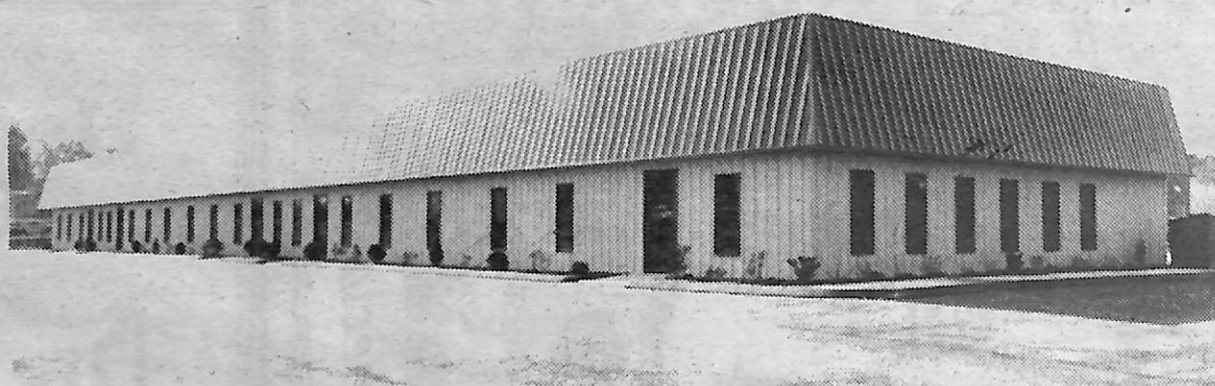
Agawam missed three out of four one and one free throw attempts down the stretch that made the game artificially close at the end.

The Brownies beat Commerce in the season's second regular season game in December. The Red Raiders have added some depth to their lineup since then and remain a rugged foe for Agawam.

Should the Brownies survive that ballgame with Commerce, they'll tap it off with Amherst High in Amherst on Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m.

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Get Third Of Valley Wheel Title...

AHS Hoop Stops West Side Boys

by Bob Johnson

Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' basketball team achieved at least one of its goal this season. On Thursday night at Clifford P. Kibbe gym, the locals put together a solid effort and downed rival West Springfield 51-45 to claim a third of the Valley Wheel Championship.

In their final regular season game, the Brownies beat the league-leading Terriers and finished 7-3, forcing a three-way tie with the Terriers and Chicopee Comp. Comp outlasted last place Westfield by just two points to get its piece of the Valley Wheel pie.

Agawam will enter the Western Mass. Division I Tournament after a disappointing 10-10 1991-92 season. But veteran onlookers understand that the Brownies can be competitive with any Western Mass. team other than defending State Champ Central High Eagles.

Is a trip to the Springfield Civic Center out of the question? Not really. When the Brownies spread the wealth and get production from their post people, they can compete with the Amhersts, the Greenfields, the Holyokes, and the Putnams of the Western Mass. hoop world.

Inspirational Game Before Small Crowd

However, the Brownies first had to get by West Side last Thursday night. The first part of the hoop game was most inspirational for the small hometown crowd.

Agawam came out looking to avenge a big loss in Terriertown three weeks ago. AHS raced to an 8-2 lead as it collected layups by four separate players - Mike Briggs, Jason Blackburn, Brendon Gallagher, and Joey Gaylor all found the range from close in.

AHS upped the lead to 12-4 before Josh Wagner and Brian Lefebvre nailed three points for West Side to tighten matters at 12-10.

The Brownies found the gas pedal again following that West Side rally. Gallagher got inside for a deuce and Blackburn popped home a three pointer. Blackburn then jumpstopped his way inside the defensive zone to nail a 14-footer for a 19-10 lead.

Meanwhile, Briggs was blanketing West Side's biggest threat. He lived inside Lefebvre's jersey and made the Terriers look elsewhere for their offense.

When Dave Desimone came off the bench to contribute a little instant offense with a side jumper, the Brownies led 21-12 and it appeared they would hold a nice cushion for themselves to enjoy at the half.

But the Terriers came right back again. Lefebvre got free for four points and KC Colter launched a right wing three pointer that shaved the lead all the way to 21-20.

Keith Hargis was the first Brownie to step up and answer that challenge. He was all net from just outside the arc for a trifecta for a four point lead. Mike Briggs freed himself for a bunny

underneath and Blackburn had another step-in 15-footer. The Brownies trotted off at the half leading by eight, 28-20.

West Side Made It Close

Briggs hit a turnaround in the paint for the second half's first bucket for a 10 point lead. But sloppy backcourt play allowed West Side to get two breakaways worth five points and the Agawam kids were looking at a five point nailbiter.

Ben Ferris came on to work the point and AHS started to purr again. Gaylor drained a corner jumper and Gallagher made a three point play inside to balloon the lead back to 10 at 35-25.

It was then that Nick Balboni of West Side started a personal 15 point second half spree as he worked the baseline and the paint like a big time scorer.

Balboni played well and kept his team in the hunt to the end. He made two free throws to shave it to eight. But Desimone hit a corner jumper to send it back to 10. Balboni answered with five more points despite eating one of Desimone's seven blocked shots in the process. Balboni finished that personal run of five points with a knuckle-scraping, one-hand scooper where he was fouled. West Side now trailed, 37-32.

Once again it was Desimone who nailed a jumper from just inside the arc (out top). The senior transfer went right back on defense and blocked two more shots before Balboni cut it to a handful again when he exploded to the goal on the right baseline.

Gallagher found Blackburn underneath for a deuce for a seven point lead. Again, the Terriers got themselves right back in it when Balboni and Colter each made a free throw (before Wagner hit a little jumper). Agawam was outplaying West Side but the lead was just 41-38 and it was anybody's game.

Dug In & Played "D"

Then came a crucial checkpoint. West Side had the ball and a three pointer would have tied the contest. The Agawam kids dug in and played 30 seconds of hellacious defense. Desimone ripped down the rebound and a patient halfcourt set resulted in Gallagher powering hard to the right block for a three point play and a 44-38 lead.

Of course, Mr. Balboni was heard from again as he immediately answered with a three point post-up play of his own. He then traded a pair of free throws with Desimone and the game stayed tight with just 77 seconds left.

Senior captain Mike Briggs would take his club to the promised land as he hit five of six crucial free throws in the game's waning stages for the six-point victory.

Gallagher had 13 on the night. Briggs and Blackburn had 11 each and Desimone kicked in 8 more. Balboni led everybody with 19. Lefebvre was held to 8.



VARSITY HOOP COACH Mike Martin and his 1991-92 captain, senior Mike Briggs. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Frank Pignatare Bowling Champ

Frank Pignatare of Agawam, owner and operator of Frank Pignatare's Texaco Service Center on Main Street, won a prize of \$1,000 after winning a bowling tournament held at the Riverdale Lanes in West Springfield February 22nd and 23rd.

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Bay West Pucksters Reach Semi-Finals

The Bay West Pee Wee-1 hockey team last week made it to the semi-finals of the Massachusetts District Playdowns before losing to eventual district champion W-T-M by a score of 2 to 1.

In the quarter-finals of the playdowns, Bay West got a dramatic overtime goal from Gabe Guistina to defeat Greenfield 2 to 1. Nick Siciliano notched the other Bay West goal, blasting a slapshot past the Greenfield goalie. Dan Hershel assisted. Bay West goalie Kevin Murray turned in an outstanding performance in goal for the winners.

The next round of the playdowns featured Bay West and W-T-M. Bay West struck first. At 7:25 of the first period, Chris Newbrough took a nice drop pass from Matt Radwanski and lifted a high shot into the top corner. W-T-M tied the game on a power play before the period ended, and then got what proved to be the game winner midway through the second period.

Eric Daris made some super saves for Bay West. The team outthrustled W-T-M in the third period but couldn't score that tying goal. Defensemen Kevin Coombs, Trevor Brown, Chris Coelho, and Nick Siciliano played rock solid in the district playdowns. The forwards kept the pressure on W-T-M in the semis, but ran into some tough luck around the net.

On Friday, Bay West was back in action in the Greater Springfield Junior Hockey League. The team came from behind to tie a tough Ludlow team 3 to 3.

Trailing 1 to 0, Bay West tied the contest when Jeff Tisdell took a pass from Matt Radwanski and lifted a shot over the goaltender's shoulder. Just 21 seconds later, Tisdell got a pass from Kevin Coombs, skated across the blue line, and beat the Ludlow goalie with a low shot to the far corner.

Then Ludlow struck for an incredible 2 goals within a 9-second span to take the lead. Bay West refused to quit, though.

With less than 5 minutes to play, Dan Hershel tied the game for Bay West. Nick Siciliano started the play in the neutral zone with a pass to Gabe Guistina. He moved the puck over the blue line and sent a beautiful pass over to Hershel, who moved in alone and beat the Ludlow netminder with a quick shot between the pads.

This game had all the intensity of a playoff battle with good two-way play from each player and another strong game in goal by Kevin Murray.

Agawam High JV Hoop Completes Season



MEMBERS OF THE 1991-92 Agawam High junior varsity boys' hoop team. Back row, from left - Coach Greenough, Jeff Ciempa, Jon Ingham, Joe DiLizia, Mike Young, and Coach Mike Farrell. Front row - Rahul Sharma, Steve Wegrzyn, Greg Borecki, and Mike Ryan. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

On Sunday, Bay West cranked up its defense in a 6 to 1 road win over Amherst. Chris Coelho got Bay West on the board at 3:23 of the first period when he took a pass from Stefan Young and circled the net, snapping off a high wrist shot from a difficult angle which beat the goalie on the short side.

Dan Hershel made it 2 to 0 Bay West at 2:13 of the second period, knocking in a rebound with Jamie Mitchell and Matt Radwanski picking up the assists.

A minute later, Brendon Silk set up Jeff Tisdell, who scored to make it 3 to 0 Bay West. Bay West then blew the game open with 3 third-period goals.

At 3:32, Chris Newbrough took a pass from

Chris Coelho and fired a bullet from the face off circle to make it 4 to 0. Gabe Guistina notched Bay West's 5th goal on assists from Nick Marsh and Stefan Young. Matt Radwanski closed out the Bay West scoring, with Jamie Mitchell assisting.

Eric Daris lost his shutout at 8:37 of the third period when Bay West got caught on a line charge and Amherst scored on a breakaway. Daris made several sparkling saves in the first period to keep Amherst off the board before his team cranked it up.

Coached Steve Petrolati credits his team with some gutsy play this week, saying they never quit and that the squad is getting all-out efforts from each member as they continue to improve their overall team play.

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Orsucci Shatters AHS Swim Record At Western Mass. Meet

"We're going to the states and we're real pleased with our Western Mass. results," says Dave Smith, proud coach of the Agawam High boys' swim team.

Some of the Brownies will be competing in the Mass. State Tournament on Saturday, March 7th, at Holy Cross College in Worcester.

The Brownies placed 10th out of 21 teams in Western Mass. with a total of 56 points. Last season the locals finished in 15th place.

Qualifying for the state tournament were Tim Church (diving), Aaron Orsucci (100 butterfly and 200 individual medley), and two relay teams (200 and 400 freestyle) comprised of Steve Lewis, Gary Jock, Alan Niemiec, and Orsucci.

Orsucci was seeded fifth for the 200 yard individual medley (2:13.75) and after the preliminaries was sixth with a time of 2:12.92. Niemiec was seeded 14th in the same event and came in 16th at 2:26.59. Orsucci swam his personal best and beat an eight year-old school record set by Paul Talbot in the 100 yard butterfly with a time of 56.75 seconds.

In the finals, Orsucci finished fifth in the 200 individual medley at 2:09.33, two seconds off the record swam by Talbot back in 1984. Smith is hoping Orsucci will break his own record at the state tournament. In the 100 yard butterfly, Orsucci placed second in 57.06 seconds.

The 200 yard freestyle relay team finished in eighth place and set a school record in 1:40.34. And the 400 yard freestyle relay (seeded 10th) finished seventh with a time of 3:44.32.

Tim Church had the best start ever for a freshman diver and finished in sixth in a field of 13 divers. In the 11-dive series, Church scored 276.20 points to qualify for the state tournament.

Park Dept. Taking Registrations For Spring Programs

Registration for spring programs being offered by the Agawam Parks/Recreation Department will be held daily, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the recreation office, located at the Agawam High School (lower right driveway, rear entrance).

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Session: March 23rd/25th to May 18th/20th, 1992 (eight weeks); Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. - Jr. High Gym "A"; Wednesdays, 8:00 p.m. - Robinson Park School Gym

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This is the final volleyball program before summer break. A free swim period is optional after the class.

Session: March 23rd to May 18th, 1992 (eight weeks)

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The Agawam Advertiser News Sports A La Carte...

CBS Blows Coverage Of Olympics; Big East Will Come Up Rosy In "March Madness"

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

So long Albertville, I hardly knew ye.

I tried valiantly that first week to enjoy the Winter Olympiad, but the many opportunities that CBS provided me to turn the channel cost them this viewer so many times. There were just far too many commercials for my liking.

The highlights for me were RALPH WYLIE and his wonderful skating show a couple of Saturday nights ago, and the third period of the USA-Sweden game when the valiant Americans tried to hang onto a three-goal lead against a much better team.

I'll be more hyped up when Barcelona comes around...

What is going on with this Notre Dame team? When I saw them get trounced by Boston College, I didn't think that they could beat Agawam High.

Now, they've knocked off Carolina and UCLA and a number of others. JOHN MCLEOD must be doing his thing way ahead of schedule...

Speaking of coaches that can make a difference, keep an eye peeled on those LA Clippers. Dollars to donuts, LARRY BROWN will get that often disoriented yet very talented team to the playoffs...

Are you interested in this JERRY TARKANIAN story at UNLV? It's intriguing to a degree, but I'll be content to just wait and see what happens.

The man sure knows how to coach and motivate. I don't know about the rest; I'll have to wait until the NCAA tells me...

At presstime, those Hartford Whalers have won twice in their last 21 games. Boy, are they lucky that they have been placed in a division with Les Nordiques.

As a matter of fact, they play in a division where only the first-place Canadiens have outscored their opponents this season...

HOLMES and HOLYFIELD will be the next plateful of heavyweights that we are served. The Caesar's Palace bout will be in the spring and will net Evander \$20 million; Larry is going to have to try and get by with just \$7 mil...

The first Big East team to show up in the College Basketball Top 25 this week is Georgetown at number 18. Still, I believe that the balance and parity in that league will add up to an excellent showing come March.

I still hold fast to my early-season prediction that the St. John's Redmen will prevail in that league. That position will be almost a lock if they can drop the Hoyas on Monday night in Madison Square...

I can't remember if I have ever gotten involved in a car accident while driving two wounded brothers to the hospital. I'm pretty sure that I haven't, especially since I don't have any brothers, but CARLOS QUINTANA is living that nightmare right now.

The Red Sox's steadiest player of a year ago is currently in the process of settling his contract. You can't help but figure that this will hurt him

quite a bit financially...

If you're going to be picking the teams for the NCAA tournament for your office pool, here's a couple of items to salt away for future use.

Michigan has had a fine year at 15-6 thus far, but they have lost four of five games against ranked teams this year. St. John's has lost five of six against ranked opponents.

UCONN has lost three of four, and Oklahoma (0-3) hasn't beaten a team in the rankings yet. Meanwhile, Duke is 5-1 with the same criteria; Oklahoma State is 3-0; and Syracuse checks in with a mighty impressive 4-1 ledger...

There is a kid named ROBERSON that plays for the University of Vermont that leads the nation in blocked shots. He has 117 of them in 23 games for a cool 5.1 per game.

A fellow named ALONZO MOURNING is second! Go get 'em, Catamounts...

RUDY TOMJANOVICH got the Houston Rockets' coaching job when old friend DUCK CHANEY got fired. When I think of Tomjanovich, the first thing I think of is KERMIT WASHINGTON, the Punch, and then that crazy-looking nose guard.

That's been a lot time ago, but everybody seems to remember it...

This was a week that no high school hoop fan in Stevenson, Alabama, will ever forget. Two players (CHARLES COBB and ROBERT COLLIER) from North Jackson High School played against five kids from Fort Payne for the final 1:10 of OT because of disqualifications by fouls of all of their other teammates.

The duo trailed by five when the process began and they went on a 7-0 run to win the game 69-67. That's why I watch sports, because you never know when something like that is going to happen...

Was glad to see that PAUL COFFEY will get one more shot at entering Wayne's World. Coffey and the Great One, WAYNE GRETZKY, were long-time champions together with the Edmonton Oilers, and have been reunited at Los Angeles following a big mid-week trade...

They've got the ultimate in nonsense coming up on Pay-Per-View pretty soon. It's going to be KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR and JULIUS ERVING playing one-on-one basketball.

They're billing it as the World Championship or something like that, as if to infer that these two guys were the greatest ever. I wonder what MAGIC and LARRY and WILT and MR. RUSSELL and the BIG O and MICHAEL think of all that.

I imagine that none of them care, really, but if you buy this cable television brainchild, I'm going to start coming up with a few marketing ideas myself.

I suppose that GEORGE CARLIN was right when he said, "If you nail together two things that have never been nailed together before, some schmuck will buy it from you."...

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AAA Hoop Team Captures Title In Belchertown Tourney

Coach Bob Hersey led a group of third- and fourth-grade Agawam Athletic Association players to the Championship of the Belchertown Junior Hoop Tournament.

With only two practices before the tournament, Agawam started good and finished great as they progressed through the week-long, double-elimination tournament featuring many local teams.

Agawam ran off consecutive wins against St. Pat's II, Monson, and St. Pat's I before suffering a hard-fought loss to a strong Belchertown team. Agawam then beat a very good Ludlow team on Saturday morning, earning them a rematch with host team Belchertown on Saturday night.

Agawam dominated this game and cruised to an easy victory, enabling them to advance to the championship game on Sunday against Belchertown.

A standing-room-only crowd saw a great game as the score stood 23-23 at halftime. Agawam pulled away in the second half, thanks to a tenacious defense and a strong fast break led by All-Tournament selectees Mike Martin and Brian St. Jean.

The final score—Agawam 53, Belchertown 41. Coach Bob Hersey did a great job and set a fine example for the youngsters while earning the Tournament Sportsmanship Award.

Congratulations to the players: Mike Martin, Bryan Rivers, Matt Dion, John Marcotte, Brian St. Jean, Shawn Biebel, Louis Conte, Jesse Kelleher, and Chris LeBlanc.



COACH BOB HERSEY and his third and fourth grade team who recently won a hoop tournament in Belchertown. Players include Mike Martin, Bryan Rivers, Matt Dion, John Marcotte, Brian St. Jean, Shawn Biebel, Louis Conte, Jesse Kelleher, and Chris LeBlanc.

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MEN'S VOLLEYBALL:

This program is informal and for recreation. It provides fun, exercise, and competition.

Session: March 24th to May 26th, 1992 (10 weeks)

Time: Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Agawam Middle School Gym

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$25 per person (NO REFUNDS)

RECREATIONAL SWIM SCHEDULE:

The pool at the Agawam Junior High School is open to the public for swimming for both youths and adults on Sunday afternoons and Monday evenings. It is recommended that you leave no valuables in the locker room or pool area. Lifeguards will be on duty. All pool rules are in effect and NO cut-offs are allowed in the pool.

Session: Sundays through March 29th (FINAL SUNDAY FOR THE SEASON)

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Session: Mondays through May 18th (FINAL MONDAY FOR THE SEASON)

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Pool Fee: \$2 per person, per session; children under six, no charge (NO DISPOSABLE DIAPERS)

HIGH SCHOOL GYM HAS NEW HOURS

The open gym sessions (for high school students and up) at the Agawam High School will have new hours for the month of March. The gym will be open every Monday beginning March 2nd and Thursdays, March 5th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

There is a charge of \$2 per person, per night, payable to the supervisor at the door. The program will end on Thursday, March 26th, 1992.

AAA Piranhas Conclude Winter Season With Home Meet Vs. Springfield Sharks

The Agawam AA Piranhas concluded their regular winter season with a home meet against the Springfield Sharks on February 1st, 1992, at the Agawam Junior High School. The results included:

GIRLS 8 & UNDER:

The team of Bianca Chase, Ashley Roberts, Amanda Fox, and Kyleigh Egan placed first in the 100-yard medley relay; the team of Lisa Menzone, Hilary Golas, Christina Climo, and Rachel Morris placed second.

Hilary Golas, first, and Amanda Fox, second in 100-yard individual medley.

In the 100-yard freestyle relay, the team of Brittany Taylor, Laura Pedersen, Laurie Chmielewski, and Kaitlyn Morris placed second.

Lisa Menzone, second in 25-yard freestyle.

Laura Bucalo, second, and Bianca Chase, third in 25-yard butterfly.

Christina Climo, second, and Rachel Morris, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Laurie Chmielewski, second, and Brittany Taylor, third in 25-yard backstroke.

Ashley Roberts, first, and Christina Climo, third in 25-yard breaststroke.

BOYS 8 & UNDER:

In the 100-yard medley relay, the team of William Bond, Wesley Scott, Brian Pedersen, and Michael Bonesteel placed first.

Ryan Sullivan, first in 100-yard individual medley.

William Bond, second in 25-yard freestyle.

Brian Pedersen, second, and Wesley Scott, third in 25-yard butterfly.

Michael Bonesteel, second in 50-yard freestyle.

William Bond, second in 25-yard backstroke.

Brian Pedersen, first in 25-yard breaststroke.

GIRLS 9-10:

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of

Jessica Jensen, Shaunessy Egan, Shannon Costa, and Kimberly Sullivan place first.

Kimberly Sullivan, first, and Kirsten Schuster, third in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Kimberly Sullivan, Caitlin Weisgerber, Dawn Bucaio, and Jennifer Modzelesky finished second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Sarah Nacewicz, first, and Shanna Raymond, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Caitlin Weisgerber, first, and Shaunessy Egan, third in 50-yard butterfly.

Jennifer Modzelesky, second, and Sarah Nacewicz, third in 100-yard freestyle.

Jessica Jensen, second in 50-yard backstroke.

Shannon Costa, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

BOYS 9-10:

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Eric Pedersen, Jeffrey Rivkin, Michael Grant, and Thomas Casiello placed first.

Michael Grant, first in 100-yard individual medley.

Nick Duquette, first, and Jeff Robinson, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Jeff Rivkin, first in 50-yard butterfly.

Michael Grant, first in 100-yard freestyle.

Eric Pedersen, first, and Nick Duquette, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

Eric Pedersen, first, and Jeff Rivkin, second in 50-yard backstroke.

GIRLS 11-12:

The team of Patricia Olson, Danielle DeForge, Eileen Daly, and Kristine Modzelesky placed first in the 200-yard medley relay; the team of Kelli Kunkel, Tara Rivkin, Darcy Bates, and Gina Cellili placed third.

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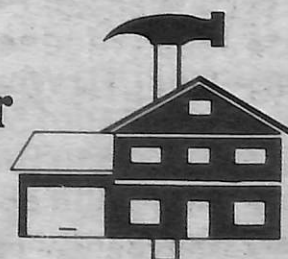
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Former AHS Star Jason Wooley On Tear After Huge WPI Grid Season

While he will never be accused of intimidating the opposition with his physical stature, Worcester Polytechnic Institute's sophomore tailback Jason Wooley of Agawam looms larger than anyone when the football is in his hands.

"Sometimes my size is a huge advantage," said Wooley. "When the defense is tied up with the blockers they often can't see me coming through the hole, and by the time they do, I'm already past them."

"He's an added dimension to our offense," said head coach Jack Siedlecki. "He can make the big play, but can also pound it at you."

Wooley can pound it at the opposition but is more inclined to run around and by them. The master of the side step and head fake, Wooley has caused more motion sickness than any flight or cruise. Rarely does he travel more than five yards in the same direction as he cuts and swerves in and out of blockers and would-be tacklers to get every last inch out of his effort.

In two seasons as the leading man on the Engineers' explosive offense, Wooley has squeezed 2,496 rushing yards and 35 touchdowns out of his 5'8" 170 lb. frame.

Wooley is a workhorse when it comes to carrying the ball, averaging over 22 carries a game this season.

Wooley was a heavyweight when it came time for postseason awards, also. He was honored as the ECAC Rookie of the Year in 1991 after rushing for 1,283 yards and scoring 19 touchdowns as a freshman. This season Wooley ran for 1,213 yards and 16 scores and earned the Coca-Cola Gold Helmet Award as New England's outstanding football performer in Divisions II-III. The award was presented at a sports banquet right before Christmas.

A more telling statistic attesting to Wooley's value at WPI is that the Engineers are 15-2-1 with

number 22 running out of their backfield. Wooley also helped lead WPI to its first ever postseason play-off game this season as the Engineers hosted the ECAC Division III Northeast Football Championship.

Records? Yes, Jason has established a few during his tenure. His 1,283 yards and 116 points in 1990 are a WPI record, as are the 45 rushes, 26 points and 311 yards he accounted for against MIT in 1990.

He is the NCAA Division III record holder for most yards gained in a season by a freshman. With two full seasons left, Jason is currently the second leading rusher and scorer in school history.

He will overtake the scoring lead the first time he plunges into the end zone next season. He has 214 career points and is just behind Mike Bucci's 218 career points set between 1986-1989. The rushing title will take a little more doing as he needs 779 yards to catch Bucci, who ran for 3,274 yards.

An industrial engineering major, Wooley is a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School, where he was an All-Western Mass. selection in football and track, as well as being a standout in baseball and basketball.

Why did he choose WPI? "I was attracted to the diverse engineering program and the fact that I could be involved in athletics and still be assured of receiving a quality education," he said.

Wooley is looking forward to next season. Not because he will etch his name in WPI record books, but because the Engineers return 17 starters from the successful 1991 team.

"I'm really looking forward to next year," said Wooley. "We've got almost everyone coming back."

And almost everyone is looking forward to having Jason back next year; except, of course, the WPI opponents.



FORMER AHS FOOTBALL STAR Jason Wooley is running up big numbers in Division III college football.

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Eileen Daly, first, and Kristine Modzelesky, third in 200-yard individual medley.
Patricia Olson, first in 200-yard freestyle.
Kristine Modzelesky, first in 50-yard freestyle.
Eileen Daly, first, and Gina Cellili, third in 50-yard butterfly.
Kelli Kunkel, second in 100-yard freestyle.
Patricia Olson, first in 50-yard backstroke.
Danielle DeForge, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Kelly Robinson, Kristen Menard, Darcy Bates, and Tara Rivkin placed second.

BOYS 11-12

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Asa Allen, Hugh Allen, Brendan Kilrain, and Matt Slat-

tery placed second.

Matt Slaterry, third in 200-yard individual medley.

Hugh Allen, second in 200-yard freestyle.

Matt Slaterry, first in 50-yard freestyle.

James Crowley, second in 50-yard butterfly.

Brendan Kilrain, third in 100-yard freestyle.

Hugh Allen, third in 50-yard backstroke.

Brendan Kilrain, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

GIRLS 13-14:

Rachel Niemiec, second in 50-yard freestyle.

Amy Hume, first in 100-yard butterfly.

Rachel Niemiec, second in 100-yard backstroke.

Amy Hume, second in 100-yard freestyle.

BOYS 13-14:

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Scott Guyer, Michael Robinson, Jonathan David, and

Chad Abdow placed second.

Michael Robinson, first, and Chad Abdow, third in 200-yard freestyle.

Wayne Charette, second, and Jonathan David, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Michael Robinson, second, and Chad Abdow, third in 100-yard freestyle.

Scott Guyer, second in 100-yard backstroke.

Jonathan David, second in 100-yard breaststroke.

GIRLS 15-18:

Jessica Crowley, first in 200-yard individual medley.

Jessica Crowley, second, and Nancy Bazanchuk, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Jessica Crowley, first in 100-yard butterfly.

Nancy Bazanchuk, first in 100-yard backstroke and in 100-yard breaststroke.

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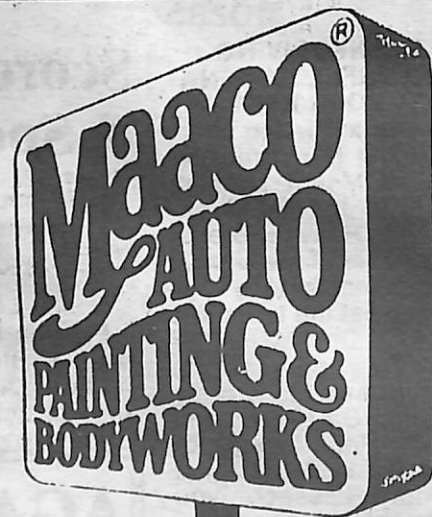
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| Worldtek Travel | 8 | 0 |
| E.B.'s Specialty Chicken | 7 | 1 |
| Agawam Police | 6 | 2 |
| Aldrich Insurance | 5 | 3 |
| Auth Fuels | 3 | 5 |
| Professional Traffic System | 3 | 5 |
| Murphy's Trophies & Sports | 0 | 8 |

NATIONAL DIVISION

| | | |
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| Provin Mt. Farm | 8 | 0 |
| Corner Deli | 6 | 2 |
| Agawam Opticians | 5 | 3 |
| Movie Mart | 2 | 6 |
| Walsh's | 2 | 6 |
| Aldrich Insurance | 1 | 7 |
| Valenti's Restaurant | 0 | 8 |

GIRLS 8-11

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|----------------------|---|---|
| Agawam Auto School | 8 | 0 |
| Sliech Auto Body | 6 | 2 |
| Provin Mt. Farm | 5 | 3 |
| Aldrich Insurance | 3 | 5 |
| Luigi Auto Body | 2 | 6 |
| Collins Construction | 0 | 8 |

BOYS 10-12 AMERICAN DIVISION

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| Worldtek Travel | 6 | 2 |
| Village Lounge | 2 | 6 |
| Agawam Advertiser News | 2 | 6 |
| Elbow Lounge | 1 | 7 |

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| Grimaldi & Burzdak | 8 | 0 |
| Agawam Firefighters | 7 | 1 |
| Murphy's Trophies & Sports | 4 | 4 |
| McCarthy Tile | 2 | 6 |

BOYS 13-15

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Grimaldi & Burzdak | 8 | 0 |
| Agawam Fire Fighters | 7 | 1 |
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Sportsmen's Corner

— By Bill Chiba —



Massachusetts fishermen will get a chance to land very large salmon this year. The division is stocking, in various waters throughout the state, brood salmon from the hatcheries.

The fish will run from four pounds to 12 pounds. Stocking has been started, and the following ponds have received salmon:

Five-hundred fish were released in Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, Lake Cochituate in Natick, Lake Mattawa in Orange, Long Pond in Plymouth, Goose Pond in Lee, and Lake Onota in Pittsfield.

The first fish were from the White River National Fish Hatchery in Bethel, VT, and the remaining 1,500 salmon will come from the state hatchery in Palmer.

Atlantic salmon, unlike their Pacific cousins (Chinook), do not die after spawning. But biologists have found the viability of the offspring produced by the second-generation, hatchery-raised fish declines substantially after their initial spawning, making it less worthwhile to keep them around as brood stock for a second year.

The division is stocking its spring trout through the ice in the accessible ponds and lakes.

"Proof of the pudding" was the number of fishermen on Littleville this past weekend. One ice fisherman remarked that it looked like one enormous outing, there were so many ice fishermen on the entire body of water.

It is a fact that ice fishermen can kill a lake from fishing pressure. Maine has had many lakes suffer in fish population since the snowmobile has become so popular.

Lakes that were inaccessible before the advent of the snowmobile and were sought by spring fishermen for the large salmon and steelheads, were accessible by airplane only. They are open year round now and their fishery has declined.

I talked to wardens about the pressure and they fly in by plane to check the fishermen during the winter. They very rarely found a lawbreaker (they

are smart), but the wardens suspected that the poached fish were buried in a snowbank somewhere around the lake.

It will be interesting to see how successful the ice stocking turns out. A great many of us would rather see the division go back to a spring opening day; the fish still could be stocked through the ice, and the season closed till the opening day.

This would give the fish time to acclimate to the water and food in the lake. When the opening day was in effect, many families looked forward to it and they enjoyed a day of fun as a family unit. This is a rarity today.

Pennsylvania Turkey Hunters To Wear Orange

Starting this fall (the 1992 season), hunters in Pennsylvania will be required to wear fluorescent orange outer garments when pursuing wild turkeys. This rule was passed January 7th.

As a result, Pennsylvania becomes the first state to mandate wearing fluorescent orange in the turkey woods. This was strongly opposed by the Pennsylvania chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation and other organizations.

Specifically, the new law specifies that fall turkey hunters must wear a combined total of 250 square inches of fluorescent orange on their front, back, and head—the same requirement as for deer hunters.

Also, the law requires spring turkey hunters to wear a combined total of 100 square inches of fluorescent orange material on their front, back, and head while moving to and from their calling positions. The orange may be removed and hidden while callers are stationary and working a bird.

The reason for this radical law—in 1991, Pennsylvania turkey hunters were involved in 53 hunting accidents, up from 46 accidents in 1990.

The most common cause of the accidents were hunters shooting at moving bushes, noises, and dark movement in the woods. We don't need hunters in the woods that shoot at what they cannot see.

It is unbelievable that this situation exists. Most of the wounded hunters were injured in the face, with one getting killed with a single shot penetrating his skull, and one young hunter suffering from blindness because he was shot in the face.

There is no excuse for these ridiculous reasons for shooting!

The Massachusetts turkey season is coming up in May. For God's sake, see the red head and the beard before your shoot. No man looks like a turkey.

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Also, kid' step class (ages six to 10) at noon-time, as well as an ongoing blood pressure checks, body composition analysis, munchies,

and more fun.

A Master Hi-Lo Combo Aerobics Class, led by well-known instructor Denise Tucker, will be held at 4:30 p.m. There is a nominal fee and pre-registration is required.

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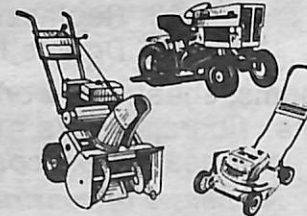
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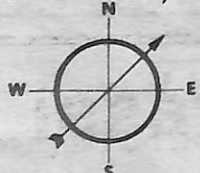
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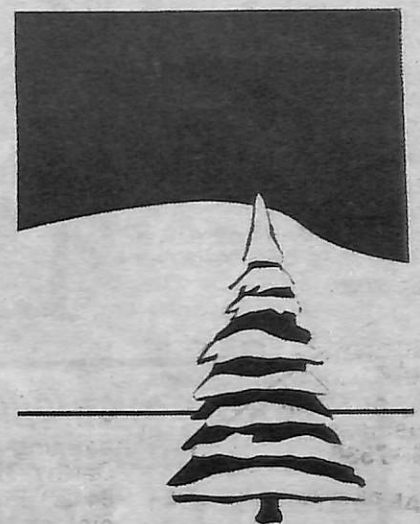
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